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The Mayflower Society House Virtual Lecture Series continues in 2023! These lectures cover a variety of Pilgrim related topics, including the Pilgrims' odyssey, their life and times, their maritime experience and, of course, genealogy.

Please plan to join us for the next lecture topics highlighted below from the comfort of your home. These lectures are free and no pre-registration is needed. For more information visit: **TheMayflowerSociety.org/history/lecture-series.**

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to 2023 and the spring issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine.*

The beginning of a new year is often a time for reflection on the past and plans for the future. The issue of *The MQM* you now hold is much the same, and packed with content.

From the past we have a number of excellent articles to share in this issue. An amazing amount of Member Societies wrote to share their news from meetings and events held last year. It is always encouraging and uplifting to hear from the wonderful Member Societies around the globe that make up the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD). We also have Part Two of Dale H. Cook's article, *Seldom-Used Federal Census Schedules – Industrial and Manufacturing Schedules,* the First Part of which was featured in the 2022 spring issue. This insightful look into a not often thought of source is sure to interest anyone seeking to enlarge their knowledge of their ancestors.

For the future, the **Forty-Third General Congress** will be held **September 8-13**, right here in Plymouth, Massachusetts, the place where it all began! The General Congress promises to be a great one. There are a number of tours and activities planned, and this issue contains the schedules and registration information. The General Congress is not just all fun however, it is also an important time for GSMD business. Thus, this issue has the Proposed Constitution and Bylaw Amendments and Corporate Charter Amendments that will be considered. There is also a report from the Nominating Committee with short biographies of the nominees for GSMD officers.

Lastly, the current Mayflower Society House renovations present a perfect meld of past and future. There is an article about a remarkable historic piece of wallpaper found during the restoration. There is also an article about all the work that has been done and will continue into 2023, to restore and protect this important historic house.

I would like to end once more on a personal note. At the end of 2022, right before Thanksgiving, I underwent back surgery. Thankfully, everything went well and I am on track with my recovery (despite it being slower than I often wish). I want to thank everyone at GSMD for their support, understanding, and efforts while I was out of commission. It gave me the ability to fully focus on my recovery. I cannot think of a greater group of dedicated and wonderful people to work with and I am sincerely grateful.

I hope everyone had an excellent holiday season and I look forward to a great year to come!

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Governor General's Message

GOVERNOR GENERAL JANE E. GROVES RIDDELL HURT

Welcome 2023! I hope that you will resolve this year to find or renew your passion for The Mayflower Society by honoring your Mayflower ancestors through involvement and support.

There is no better way to celebrate Mayflower connections than by attending the Forty-third Triennial General Congress to be held in Plymouth, Massachusetts, on September 8-13, 2023. Online registration will begin on March 1. Events and hotel rooms will sell out quickly - so please register early. I am enthusiastically counting the days to welcome you to America's Hometown.

My heartfelt gratitude to those members who have renewed their Governor General's 1620 Club membership and to all new 1620 Club members. Your contribution makes a difference and this year the 1620 Club donations will contribute to technology and system improvements relating to application processing. This year's 1620 Club members and their guest will celebrate together on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, following the General Congress.

Another great way to celebrate Mayflower connections is the Heritage Week Mayflower breakfast scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, at the Army Navy Club in Washington, DC. Registration can be found on the GSMD website in the Members-Only Section under Members-Only Events. This event is sponsored by Surgeon General George Hill. Capacity is limited.

Would you like to support our General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) values as outlined below?

- Preserve and maintain the highest genealogical standards proving lineal descent from the 1620 Mayflower Pilgrims.
- Engage and promote new Pilgrim scholarship, research, and publications.
- Instill a passion for history and awareness of the Mayflower Compact and the Pilgrim story through education.
- Support our Member Societies and encourage the establishment of new Member Societies which share our mission and vision to promote the interests common to all.
- Protect, preserve, and interpret our historic properties.

Our preservation efforts include renovation of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse and repairs to the Mayflower Society House. The General Society continues emphasis on new technology and system improvements to advance application and supplemental processing, to improve operational efficiencies, and to enhance financial stability.

The promotion of Pilgrim scholarship includes the on-going research and publication of the Mayflower Families *Silver Books*, the GSMD Scholarship program, and the annual Pilgrim Academic Award.

We promote education and a passion for history by raising awareness of the Mayflower Compact and the Pilgrim story through our celebrated and informative virtual lecture series.

GSMD endeavors to preserve and maintain the gold standard of genealogical research and standards for proving the lineal descent from the 1620 Mayflower Pilgrims. Membership is the lifeblood of our General Society. This is the time of year when each Member Society is busy with the annual membership reconciliation.

What we accomplish is a result of the benevolence of our members who have accepted a service position within their Member Society or the General Society.

This spring I am scheduled to visit the Hawaii Society, the Indiana Society, the Texas Society, the Mississippi Society, the Arizona Society, the South Carolina Society, and the New York Society for the New York Cousins Dinner.

Please visit the GSMD Members website frequently. It contains a plethora of information regarding upcoming events, forms, tools, and research materials.

Thank you for your continued support of the General Society. If you have not yet made a donation this year, please consider doing so now. Visit **TheMayflowerSociety.org/donate/** and give a gift today. Get involved and make a meaningful difference on behalf of GSMD's important values.

Cheers to a new year filled with good health, new adventures, good fortune, hopes, and dreams. Happy 2023!

News from The Plymouth Office – Executive Director's Update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARK SCHMIDT

Like many of you, one of the great joys for me is watching wintertime become springtime. The days grow longer, trees and flowers are budding, and there is a regeneration of energy and excitement to the calendar. 2023 offers a wide range of reasons to welcome that energy as we endeavor to make The Mayflower Society even better than it is.

2023 is a Congress year, so we look forward to so many members and friends of the Society coming to Plymouth – some for the very first time. To assist with that and to better educate you on some of the things that Plymouth offers, we will devote a few of our virtual lectures to highlight some Plymouth attractions that you will hopefully find entertaining and interesting. Lectures about what is going on this season at the Plimoth Patuxet Museums historic site, Pilgrim Hall Museum, and the Plymouth Antiquarian Society, for example, allow you to glimpse into venues available for you to see while you are here this September. A list of the upcoming programs in the Virtual Lecture Series can be found on the GSMD website **www.TheMayflowerSociety.org** under the Learn tab.

Restoration work on the Mayflower Society House continued through the winter and keeps on throughout the spring. While all scheduled work may not be finalized in time for Congress, it is our fervent hope to have the House open and available for tours at that time so that you can see how the House's longevity will be preserved for generations to come.

The Library, led by Director of Genealogy and Research Services Dr. Erin Scheopner, has been working on updating technology and creating a digital platform for applications and research. Dropbox is being implemented for applications, and approved applications are being digitized to assist with the upcoming application process.

The staff of The Mayflower Society looks forward to your coming so that you can see the town, the campus and the Society functioning on all cylinders. Springtime offers so much promise and hope for all of us, and we hope you, like we do, share in that promise and hope. Here's to a great 2023 for all of us!

Teddy Bear Tea 2023

Please note that our popular Teddy Bear Tea 2023 will be held on a Sunday afternoon later this summer, on a date yet to be determined, at The Mayflower Society campus at 4 Winslow Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts. The first Teddy Bear Tea, held in 2022, was a huge success and we look forward once again to the chatter and laughter of children filling the air in the Mayflower Society House gardens and grounds. In addition to the children playing games, singing songs, and enjoying snacks, they will be able to build their own teddy bear, dress it in a T-shirt that they design, create a birth certificate for the teddy bear, and then take the teddy bear home.

This event is open to the public for children ages ten years and younger who are accompanied by an adult guardian. The cost is $25 per child. Registration will be through Eventbrite. Once a date is determined, this event with the Eventbrite registration link will be posted on The Mayflower Society's website **www.TheMayflowerSociety.org.** If you have any questions, please contact The Mayflower Society Executive Director Mark Schmidt at **ExecutiveDirector@TheMayflowerSociety.org.**

▲ Guests enjoying the wonderful day at the Teddy Bear Tea 2022.

Mayflower Meetinghouse Workmen Find Concealed Surprise

LEA SINCLAIR FILSON, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL PILGRIM MEMORIAL MEETINGHOUSE CHARITABLE TRUST

As the Mayflower Meetinghouse work progresses, some surprises have come to the attention of the workmen.

While tunneling into the space between the foundation and the bottom floor, one very old worn shoe dating from the mid to late 1800s was discovered. It becomes one of hundreds of single worn shoes found around the world typically concealed in chimneys, under floors, above ceilings, in the wall around doors and windows, and even in the roof. Discoveries indicate this ritual was practiced mostly in Europe and brought to the Americas by early colonists. The earliest shoe found to date was in a choir stall in Winchester Cathedral in 1308. It is believed the practice started in East Anglia, so it is likely the Mayflower Pilgrims would have known about this tradition.

Stories through the years indicate a shoe was often placed in the fabric of a building to be used as a magic charm to protect the occupants against evil influences, such as demons, ghosts, and witches. A worn concealed shoe was also sometimes used in houses as a fertility charm.

There is a 'Concealed Shoe Index' at the Northampton Museum which has recorded close to two thousand reports of such discoveries. The custom appears to have largely died out sometime in the mid-twentieth century.

Shoe dated to late 1800s found in the Mayflower Meetinghouse foundation.

The Mayflower Meetinghouse has, for years, been rumored to have a spring running under the foundation, and we may soon learn if this belief or this fact is true. Water indeed is flowing underneath the structure, and work is being done to find the source and determine how to redirect it away from the foundation.

Even when there is a dry spell, water runs under the foundation of the Meetinghouse.

If work continues on schedule, when we meet for Congress later this year, we will enjoy access to the lower level, the sanctuary, and the chancel through use of the new ADA elevator located in the back of the Meetinghouse. Up to now, there has been ADA access only to the sanctuary. To power the elevator as well as the new technology, a gigantic power transformer will be placed on a concrete pad that sits on pilings, once the preparation for it is complete. Next, Eversource will begin its work.

The Mayflower Meetinghouse challenge coin.

Fundraising continues as 2023 begins. Please consider donating this year to the Mayflower Meetinghouse. You may purchase the beautiful Mayflower Meetinghouse challenge coin to display in your home or office at **www.ctmayflower.org/store_coin.php.** It is a true collector's item and at twenty-five dollars, it is also an inexpensive treasure. Thank you, Connecticut Society Governor Greg Thompson for creating it!

Heritage Week in Washington, DC

MEG AVERETT, SECRETARY GENERAL

Army Navy Club Ballroom
901 Seventeenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006
Wednesday, April 12, 2023
7:30 am – 10:00 am
$50 per person

The Army Navy Country Breakfast Menu: scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, bacon and sausage, fresh fruit garnish, assorted breakfast pastries, honey butter and preserves, orange juice, coffee, and tea.

To place a reservation, please visit the Members-Only section of the GSMD website TheMayflowerSociety.org and click on the link for Members-Only Events to find the registration link for Heritage Week Breakfast.

Reservation deadline is **April 1, 2023**. Limited seating is available. Any covid protocols will be updated on the registration site.

If you have any questions, please contact Secretary General Meg Averett at SecretaryGeneral@TheMayflowerSociety.org or call the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Executive Assistant at 508-746-3188 Ext. 25.

Join your Mayflower cousins on April 12, 2023, at the Army Navy Club for breakfast with keynote speaker Sheila Slocum Hollis, Esq., whose program is titled:

The Mayflower Compact in the Development of an American Legal System.

Sheila Slocum Hollis is a long-time energy lawyer with service in government and in private practice. Sheila is Acting Executive Director of the United States Energy Association and is Of Counsel with the law firm of Duane Morris in its Washington office. She also is extremely active in nonprofit organizations including being a member of the Board of the Plimoth Patuxet Museums. She is an Honors graduate of the University of Colorado with honors in overall studies and in journalism. She is a graduate of the University of Denver Law School. Her career in energy spans nearly a half century and continues today. She had the privilege of representing the Town of Plymouth, Massachusetts, for a decade in complex energy matters and became deeply involved with the Plimoth Patuxet Museums, thus leading to her interest in its history and the Mayflower Compact. In her legal career she became a member of the American Bar Association Committee on the Law Library of Congress and its Chair, and in that capacity she strongly recommended the celebration of the signing of the Mayflower Compact and its influence on the development of the American democracy; thus, she became deeply involved in that commemoration and celebration. It is in light of this personal history that she agreed to address this wonderful assembly.

Member Societies invited to Submit Nominees for 2023 Commendation Awards

GSMD AWARDS CHAIR JANE SCHLEINZER

Do you have a member in your Member Society who has gone above and beyond for your Society? Are you looking for a way to recognize that member's contribution? We can help you with that. You can have them recognized at the 2023 Congress meeting in September.

I hear you ask: what do I need to do to make this happen? It's very easy. All you need to do is contact me, Jane D. Schleinzer, Awards Chairman at: JSchleinzer@TheMayflowerSociety.org, with your nominee's name and a short description of how your nominee made a difference in your Member Society. Please provide me with the nominee's name as it should appear on their certificate. Only one nominee from each Member Society will be honored.

You must have your entry to me by July 15, 2023. I am looking forward to reading about your Member Society's nominee.

The 2023 Virtual Lecture Series

MARK SCHMIDT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) will hold its 2023 Triennial Congress in Plymouth, Massachusetts, September 8-13, 2023. In advance of that, GSMD has scheduled several virtual lectures that will allow you to see some of what is available when you travel to Plymouth.

March 23, 7:00 pm (ET):
Donna Curtin, "Welcome to Pilgrim Hall Museum"

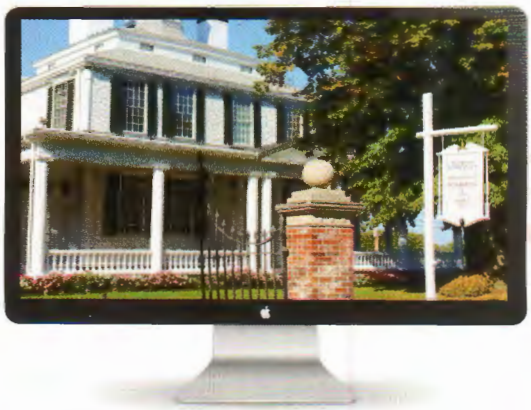
Pilgrim Hall Museum is the nation's oldest continuously operating public museum and America's museum of Pilgrim possessions. Dr. Donna Curtin, Executive Director of the museum, will give you a sneak peek at what the museum offers and what it will be exhibiting later this year.

April 27, 7:00 pm (ET):
Brett Phaneuf, "The Voyage of *Mayflower 400*"

The *Mayflower 400* autonomous ship crossed the Atlantic in the summer of 2022, following the path of the original Mayflower voyage. This artificial intelligence powered marine research vessel helped chart what the original passengers may have encountered. *Mayflower 400* is now located at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. Brett Phaneuf, the Director of the Mayflower Autonomous Ship project, will explain what went into the voyage as well as what the future will be for *Mayflower 400*.

May 24, 7:00 pm (ET):
Tom Begley, "Welcome to Plimoth Patuxet"

Plimoth Patuxet Museums, formerly known as Plimoth Plantation, is a complex of living history museums illustrating life in the original Plimoth settlement along with life for the indigenous peoples. Tom Begley, Director of Collections and Special Projects for Plimoth Patuxet Museums, will provide a preview of what visitors may see when they visit the Museum.



July 13, 7:00 pm (ET):
Anne Mason, "Welcome to the Plymouth Antiquarian Society"

Founded in 1919, the Plymouth Antiquarian Society is Plymouth's largest organization dedicated to preserving historic houses and landmarks. It also serves as Plymouth's historical society. The Society owns and maintains three historic houses representing three centuries of Plymouth history: the 1677 Harlow House, the 1749 Spooner House, and the 1809 Hedge House, as well as an ancient Native American site, Sacrifice Rock. Dr. Anne Mason is the Executive Director for the Plymouth Antiquarian Society and will show attendees what the Society has to offer visitors.

In addition to the above-mentioned virtual lectures, GSMD will also be offering the following:

March 28, 7:00 pm (ET):
Joan DeJean, "Mutinous Women"

June 29, 7:00 pm (ET):
Misha Ewen, "The Virgini"

October 3, 7:00 pm (ET):
Denise Cross, "Looking Into Your Genealogical Background"

November 14, 7:00 pm (ET):
Bill Cole, "Puritans, Plagues and Promises: William Collier, Mayflower Merchant Adventurer"

December 12, 7:00 pm (ET):
Michael Tougias, "Indian Wars of New England"

For more information please visit **TheMayflowerSociety.org/history/lecture-series/.**

Tansy

ALEX CERVENAK

Tansy has two meanings: it is both an herb and an egg dish similar to a frittata. Recipes for tansies vary wildly – some include milk or cream, some have bread crumbs, some have herbs, or apples, or even fish roe. Some have whole herbs, while others call for the herbs to be juiced, turning the eggs bright green. Many of the herbs used in tansies have medicinal uses, like violet and strawberry leaves, and the herb tansy itself (though steer clear of the herb tansy, it's a purgative!). Not only were these herbs first budding in the spring, but their medicinal qualities were thought to be a good purge after the heavy winter diet. This recipe uses the common tansy ingredient of spinach, but feel free to use any leafy green.

To watch a video of this dish being made visit The Mayflower Society's YouTube page at: **www.Youtube.com/@MayflowerSociety/videos.**

Makes one 8 inch Tansy.

- 3 large eggs, plus one yolk
- ¼ cup heavy cream
- 1 cup coarsely chopped fresh spinach
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup of crusty white bread, torn into small pieces
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- pinch of sugar to taste

1. In a bowl crack 3 eggs, adding to them one additional yolk. Add the cream, and whisk together until well combined.
2. Coarsely chop enough spinach to equal one cup, and add to egg mixture.
3. Tear your bread into small pieces, and densely pack it into your measuring cup(s). Add to egg mixture.
4. Add cinnamon, nutmeg and salt to the egg mixture. Whisk along with bread crumbs and spinach, until well mixed together. Set aside for a few minutes, allowing eggs to soak into the bread.
5. Meanwhile, melt 2 tablespoons of butter in an approximately 8 inch nonstick skillet, or cast iron frying pan on medium heat. Pour in the egg mixture, and smooth to cover the entire pan.
6. As the tansy cooks, occasionally run a spatula along the edges of the pan, and under the eggs into center of pan, to keep it from sticking. As you separate the tansy from the side, tilt your pan to allow more of the uncooked eggs to pour along the edges.
7. Cook until the tansy becomes one solid piece, about 6-8 minutes. The bottom should be cooked through, but there will still be uncooked eggs on the top. Some browning will occur, but if there seems to be too much, turn heat down to medium-low.
8. Now here's the tricky part! Run your spatula along the edges and under your tansy one last time, to make certain it's not stuck to the pan. Carefully, using a towel or oven mitt if necessary to hold the pan, slide the tansy cooked side down on a plate slightly larger than your pan.
9. Dot uncooked top of tansy with 1 tablespoon of butter. Place pan over the tansy, and then sliding your hand under the plate, invert the plate and pan so the uncooked side of the tansy ends up in the bottom of the pan.
10. Cook the second side of the tansy through, about another 4-6 minutes.
11. Slide a spatula along the edges and underneath the tansy again to make sure its not stuck, and then slide back out onto the plate. While warm, sprinkle with a pinch of sugar.

GSMD Nominating Committee Report

GENERAL OFFICER NOMINEES PROPOSED FOR 2023–2026

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Nominating Committee has reviewed potential candidates for General Society Officers for the upcoming election at the 2023 Congress and for the terms of office for the following three years. Here is the slate of recommended officers for the next term:

Governor General
Lisa H. Pennington, Esq.

Assistant Governor General
Carter O. Wiese

Secretary General
Martin "Marty" W. Beerman

Treasurer General
Bart S. Henson

Historian General
Alexandra "Allie" Shires Golon

Counsellor General
James "Jim" J. Wheaton, Esq.

Elder General
Reverend Michael R. Denney

Captain General
Collier S. Wiese

Surgeon General
David Lowell Nash

Here is the biographical information about each of the candidates so that you can get to know more about them.

Lisa H. Pennington, Esq. is the Nominating Committee's nominee for the position of Governor General for the 2023-2026 term. She is currently serving as GSMD Counsellor General, and she was an Executive Committee Member-at-Large for the 2017-2020 term. In both of those positions she has provided important legal support for numerous Society concerns, including issues of trademark infringement, assisting the litigation team in defense of our Bylaws and Charter, helping staff to navigate employment legal issues (especially during the pandemic-associated slowdowns), and assisting Member Societies. She also initiated the Mayflower History and Genealogy lecture series, giving many of the presentations herself and recruiting outside experts to expand the quality and public awareness of the lectures. During her term as Member-at-Large, she communicated regularly with her Member Societies and authored numerous updates to make sure that those Societies were represented to the Executive Committee. She also serves as a Trustee for the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse and is committed to its development and future role in telling the Pilgrim story. She is a Charter Member of the Governor General's 1620 Club.

Lisa joined the Texas Mayflower Society in 2000 and has held numerous positions in the Houston Colony. She has served three terms as Counsellor and one as Elder of the Texas Society. She joined the Massachusetts Society in 2019 and became their Acting Assistant Governor in 2021. Since then, she has been elected to serve as Massachusetts Assistant Governor until 2023. She is also a Charter Member of the Australian Society.

Lisa earned her BA and JD at the University of Texas and practiced commercial and employment litigation for thirty-four years. She was the Managing Partner of her firm's Houston office for twenty years until she retired in 2018. In 2006 she was the Co-Founder of the University of Texas Center for Women in Law. She and her husband, David Furlow, have three children and four grandchildren. Lisa is excited to continue the current work on the Mayflower Society House and the North Street Campus and to utilize state of the art technological advances to streamline the application process for new members.

Carter O. Wiese is the Nominating Committee's nominee for Assistant Governor General for the 2023-2026 term. Carter became a member of the South Dakota Society in 2002 and has served as Deputy Governor General for that Society since 2003. Carter was elected Captain General in 2020. He and his wife Sharon have a long history of service to the South Dakota Society and to the General Society. In 2019 they were awarded the Governor General's Distinguished Service Award in recognition of years of service. They are both Charter Members of the Governor General's 1620 Club. Carter is now serving as a Trustee of the Mayflower Meetinghouse.

Carter served four years in the US Navy, working as a Hospital Corpsman at Bethesda Naval Hospital. After completing his service, he received a degree in Mortuary Science from the University of Minnesota.

He owned and operated the Clements-Wiese Funeral Homes in South Dakota and served on the State Board of Funeral Service for over twenty years.

Carter's community activities include membership in the Armour Community Church, the Masonic Lodge, and the American Legion. He has also served as President of the Armour Community Development Corporation and the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Corporation. His civic commitment and constructive approach will be valuable assets to the Executive Committee and the General Society.

Martin "Marty" W. Beerman is the Nominating Committee's nominee for the position of Secretary General for the 2023-2026 term. He has been active in the Nebraska Society since joining in 1990, including six years as their newsletter editor and the last twenty years as webmaster. He served as Historian from 2007-2012 and 2015 to the present, plus serving as Nebraska Society Governor from 2017-2020. He has also spent many years chairing the Nebraska Society Scholarship program. General Society positions include current service as Assistant General from Nebraska and a member of the Technology Committee from 2020-2023. At the 2019 General Board of Assistants Meeting, he was recognized with a Certificate of Commendation and Appreciation. That certificate noted that as Historian, he was responsible for a record number of new applications processed, launching the Society website, and maintaining the membership database.

Marty participates in many genealogy and lineage organizations and has joined over forty significant societies, far too numerous to list. He is currently the President of The Warren Cousins Family Society, and he is also the Omaha Chapter Registrar of the Nebraska Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Marty is recently retired from a career in healthcare marketing. His Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration was from Bellevue University, and he spent nearly forty years working with hospitals in the Omaha area. From 2007 until his retirement in 2021, he served as Vice President of Marketing and Community Relations for Children's Hospital and Medical Center in Omaha. During that interval, he somehow found time to serve on Boards of Directors for the American Heart Association, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, The Omaha Theater for Young People, the Omaha Children's Museum, and several other organizations devoted to children's health and development. The Committee was struck by the energy and organizational skills that he will bring to the office of Secretary General.

Bart S. Henson is the Nominating Committee's nominee for Treasurer General. He accepted this role in 2021 to fill a vacancy, and he has served the Society well in the position. He has also served on the GSMD Finance Committee in 2020 and 2021, as a Trustee of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meeting House in 2022, and has chaired the Endowment Committee in 2022. He is eager to improve the efficiency of the Treasurer General's office and improve transparency and clarity of communication with the Executive Committee, the General Board of Assistants, and GSMD members.

Bart grew up in Alabama and learned about The Mayflower Society from his uncle who was Governor of the Alabama Society. Bart first joined the Connecticut Society in 1981 and transferred to the Texas Society after relocating to Houston. He served the Texas Society as Treasurer from 1995-2001 and as Governor from 2007-2009. During that time, he led the formation of the Texas Endowment Fund. His leadership of the endowment project promoted significant growth of the fund. From 2008-2014 he served GSMD as the Deputy Governor General for Texas.

Bart earned both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Civil Engineering from Georgia Tech and worked for Exxon Chemical Company for thirty-five years. His activities with Exxon included engineer, product manager, business/financial analyst, technical division manager, worldwide business manager of a synthetic rubber business, and oversight of attorneys prosecuting patent litigation issues. Since leaving Exxon, he has served as a Senior Advisor and business analyst for other chemical companies.

In the community, Bart has served his local church as Elder, Clerk of Session, Head of the Personnel Committee, and class leader, and he also founded and led a high school youth retreat for ten years. Bart and his wife Jane have been married for fifty-three years and have three grown daughters.

Alexandra "Allie" Shires Golon is the Nominating Committee's nominee for Historian General. During the 2020-2023 term she has served the General Society on both the Technology Committee and as Chair of the Education Committee. In these roles she has contributed enormously to the structure and content of the GSMD website, with special attention to streamlining the application process for new members. She managed the creation of the Passenger Profiles and oversaw creation of new content about Mayflower Women, Mayflower Children, Early Settlement, and other topics. She created Member Orientation Webinars and

a Mini-Webinar Series designed to help potential members navigate the application process, and she is working with the Director of Genealogy and Research Services to generate new webinars for Member Society Historians. She has worked with the Technology Committee Chair to draft a proposal to consider automating our applications and presented the Easy App Generator concept to the General Board of Assistants at the 2022 meeting. She helped to create the Dropbox Application Trial Program and participated as a "testing Historian" for that program. In 2022 she received the Governor General's Distinguished Service Award at the Minneapolis, Minnesota, meeting.

Allie joined the Colorado Society in 2015 and began serving as Co-Historian of that Society in 2017. Since then, she has completed over 250 new member applications and numerous supplementals, a substantial increase over previous activity in that office. She has also helped other Member Society Historians with lineage research to alleviate backlogs in their files. She volunteered as an expert at the 2022 RootsTech for the GSMD virtual booth, fielding questions from attendees. She is also active in several other lineage societies. In the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution she has served as National Chair of Lineage Research, National Vice Chair of the Patriot Records Project, and Colorado Member Society Application Chair. She received the Member Society Outstanding Volunteer Genealogist Award from that organization in 2017.

Allie received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from California State Polytechnic University and an MBA from the University of Phoenix. She has served in several sales, marketing, and project management positions and is now the Managing Director of North America for a leadership development software firm based in Europe. She, her husband, Bill, of more than thirty years, and their two adult sons have lived in Colorado since 1996. She lists genealogy research as one of her numerous enjoyable activities, along with crafts and Colorado-style outdoor activities.

James "Jim" J. Wheaton, Esq. is the Nominating Committee's nominee for Counsellor General. Jim received his JD from the University of Virginia in 1985 and served as a Law Clerk for Judge J. Dickson Phillips Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He worked for thirty years with two law firms in Virginia and as Chief Compliance Officer, General Counsel and Vice President for Legal and Governmental Affairs for a publicly-traded tax industry company. He is admitted to the Bar in Virginia, Massachusetts, the US Supreme Court, the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and the US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. He has held teaching positions at the University of Virginia and William & Mary Law School, and he is now a Clinical Associate Professor and Director of the Startup Law Clinic at Boston University School of Law. This position requires him to be very familiar with the formation and organization of LLCs, corporations, nonprofits, and intellectual property issues, among other skills.

Jim has been very active in the Massachusetts Society, serving as their Counsellor and working with their Board officers on a variety of issues. He was previously the Counsellor for the Virginia Society, where he led a comprehensive bylaws revision project. He joined the Mayflower Society in the early 1990s, and he is also a member of several other lineage organizations.

Jim has served on numerous other nonprofit organization boards and is an active Scouting volunteer. His interest in genealogy was inspired by a Cub Scout requirement when he was eight years old. He is the father of four children, all of whom had junior memberships when they were eligible. One of his daughters received both the second-place GSMD scholarship and the Virginia Society's Mildred Ramos Scholarship as a high school senior.

Reverend Michael R. Denney of the Maine Society is the Nominating Committee's nominee for Elder General. Michael is an ordained minister for the United Church of Christ, serving as Pastor of the Second Congregational Church in Ossipee, New Hampshire, and is the President-Elect of the Board of Directors for the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Michael has also served as Port Chaplain for the Seafarer's Friend organization in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, as Chaplain for a retirement community in Concord, New Hampshire, and also teaches World Religions and Public Speaking at Franklin Pierce University. He earned an MA in Theology at Notre Dame College and a Master of Divinity at Bangor Theological Seminary.

Michael serves the Maine Society both as Elder and as Historian. His Society recognizes his talents in both roles, and, not surprisingly, he reports a passion for genealogy. In addition to his original application through William Bradford, he has twelve supplemental lines, including Elder William Brewster.

He manages to include aspects of early New England life into his Sunday services, and he appreciates

the leeway to do so, granted by his position as a New England Congregational minister. We can look forward to an Elder General who loves his work, genealogical research, and New England history.

Collier S. Wiese of the South Dakota Society is the Nominating Committee's nominee for the position of Captain General. He serves the General Society as the Deputy Governor General from the South Dakota Society and as a member of the Scholarship Committee. He is also a member of the Europe Society, and he has been a member of the Governor General's 1620 Club since 2016.

Collier holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mortuary Science and both Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Physician Assistant Studies. He has worked as a Physician Assistant since 1995, including active duty in the US Army National Guard. He recently ended his service in the Indiana Army National Guard, at the rank of Major. As part of his military service, he attended the US Army Command and General Staff College where he was designated as a Distinguished Graduate.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GENERAL CONGRESS IN 2023

(Deletions are ~~struck through~~ and additions are **bolded** and underlined).

Proposed Amendment 1: **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP Section 7e:** Notify ~~Historian General~~ Membership Manager of Transfer
Amend by striking and inserting as follows:

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ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP, Section 7e: Notify Historian General of transfer The Secretary of the Member Society to which the member is transferred, shall within five days, notify the Historian General of such transfer, together with the date of approval as a member and the new Member Number assigned to such member. Whereupon the Historian General shall transmit such information to the transferring Member Society.	**ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP, Section 7e: Notify ~~Historian General~~ GSMD Membership Manager of transfer** The Secretary of the Member Society to which the member is transferred, shall within five days, notify the ~~Historian General~~ GSMD Membership Manager of such transfer, together with the date of approval as a member and the new Member Number assigned to such member. Whereupon the ~~Historian General~~ GSMD Membership Manager shall transmit such information to the transferring Member Society.	**ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP, Section 7e: Notify GSMD Membership Manager of transfer** The Secretary of the Member Society to which the member is transferred, shall within five days, notify the GSMD Membership Manager of such transfer, together with the date of approval as a member and the new Member Number assigned to such member. Whereupon the GSMD Membership Manager shall transmit such information to the transferring Member Society.

Proposed by: GBOA 2022.
Rationale: This language is outdated. The Membership Manager now performs this function.

Proposed Amendment 2: **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP Section 7g:** Reinstatement of a former Member Society Member
Amend by striking and inserting as follows:

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Proposed Amendment 3: **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP, Section 7h:** Refusal of Transfer and Right of Appeal
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Proposed by: GBOA 2022.
Rationale: There has been confusion about what the term "good standing" entails. This sentence better defines it.

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Proposed by: GBOA 2022.
Rationale: The current description of the Member-at-Large East/West divisions is not clear and doesn't account for the international societies.

Proposed Amendment 5: **ARTICLE VII: GENERAL CONGRESS Section 1a:** Membership Count to Determine the Number of Delegates
Amend by inserting as follows:

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ARTICLE VII, GENERAL CONGRESS, Section 1a: Membership Count to Determine the Number of Delegates The number of delegates that shall represent each Member Society at General Congress shall be determined on the basis of membership, including Junior Life Members, as of July first of the year in which a Congress is held; and the Secretary of each Member Society shall notify the Secretary General of the membership as of that date, so that such notification will be received no later than July fifteenth.	**ARTICLE VII, GENERAL CONGRESS, Section 1a: Membership Count to Determine the Number of Delegates** The number of delegates that shall represent each Member Society at General Congress shall be determined on the basis of membership, including Junior Life Members, as of July first of the year in which a Congress is held; and the Secretary of each Member Society shall notify the Secretary General of the membership as of that date, so that such notification will be received no later than ~~July fifteenth.~~ July first.	**ARTICLE VII, GENERAL CONGRESS, Section 1a: Membership Count to Determine the Number of Delegates** The number of delegates that shall represent each Member Society at General Congress shall be determined on the basis of membership, including Junior Life Members, as of July first of the year in which a Congress is held; and the Secretary of each Member Society shall notify the Secretary General of the membership as of that date, so that such notification will be received no later than July first.

Proposed by: GBOA 2022.
Rationale: The change from July fifteenth to July first is designed to give the Secretary General more time to calculate a Society's delegate count.

Proposed Amendment 6: **Article VII, Section 2:** Regular Meetings
Amend by inserting as follows:

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article VII, Section 2: Regular Meetings The regular meetings of the General Congress shall be held at Plymouth, Massachusetts, triennially, to begin on the second Monday in September or upon such other date in September as the General Board of Assistants may designate.	**Article VII, Section 2: Regular Meetings** The regular meetings of the General Congress shall be held at Plymouth, Massachusetts, triennially, to begin on the second Monday in September or upon such other date in September as the General Board of Assistants may designate. **If approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee, a regular meeting may be held electronically, and in the event of a local, state, or national emergency, be postponed or canceled and rescheduled.**	**Article VII, Section 2: Regular Meetings** The regular meetings of the General Congress shall be held at Plymouth, Massachusetts, triennially, to begin on the second Monday in September or upon such other date in September as the General Board of Assistants may designate. If approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee, a regular meeting may be held electronically, and in the event of a local, state, or national emergency, be postponed or canceled and rescheduled.

Proposed by: GBOA 2021.
Rationale: The COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted travel and in-person meetings and gatherings. The proposed amendment allows the Society to conduct meetings using electronic formats.

Proposed Amendment 7: **Article VII, Section 3:** Special Meetings
Amend by inserting as follows:

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article VII, Section 3: **Special Meetings** Special sessions of the General Congress may be called upon vote of the General Board of Assistants and shall be called upon the vote of four Member Societies. The call for a special session of the General Congress shall be issued at least three months in advance, and no business except that specifically stated in the call shall be considered.	**Article VII, Section 3:** **Special Meetings** Special **meetings** ~~sessions~~ of the General Congress may be called ~~upon~~ **by a** vote of the General Board of Assistants ~~and shall be called~~ **or** upon the vote of four Member Societies. The call for a special ~~session~~ **meeting** of the General Congress shall be issued at least three months in advance, and no business except that specifically stated in the call shall be considered. **If approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee, a regular meeting may be held electronically, and in the event of a local, state, or national emergency, be postponed or canceled and rescheduled.**	**Article VII, Section 3:** **Special Meetings** Special meetings of the General Congress may be called by a vote of the General Board of Assistants or upon the vote of four Member Societies. The call for a special meeting of the General Congress shall be issued at least three months in advance, and no business except that specifically stated in the call shall be considered. If approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee, a regular meeting may be held electronically, and in the event of a local, state, or national emergency, be postponed or canceled and rescheduled.

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Proposed Amendment 9: **ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENTS Section 1:** Who May Submit an Amendment
Amend by inserting as follows:

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Section 1: Who May Submit an Amendment: Amendments, alterations and additions to these Bylaws must be submitted in writing, by a vote of the General Board of Assistants or of a Member Society, to the Secretary General of the General Society, at least six months before the session of the General Congress at which such amendment is to be considered and the Secretary General shall mail a printed copy of all proposed amendments to the Secretary of each Member Society at least five months before such session.	**Section 1: Who May Submit an Amendment:** Amendments, alterations and additions to these Bylaws **or the Society's Charter** must be submitted in writing, by a vote of the General Board of Assistants or of a Member Society, to the Secretary General of the General Society, at least six months before the session of the General Congress at which such amendment is to be consideredand the Secretary General shall mail a printed copy of all proposed amendments to the Secretary of each Member Society at least five months before such session.	**Section 1: Who May Submit an Amendment:** Amendments, alterations and additions to these Bylaws or the Society's Charter must be submitted in writing, by a vote of the General Board of Assistants or of a Member Society, to the Secretary General of the General Society, at least six months before the session of the General Congress at which such amendment is to be considered and the Secretary General shall mail a printed copy of all proposed amendments to the Secretary of each Member Society at least five months before such session.

Proposed by: GBOA 2022
Rationale: To clarify the notice requirements to amend the Charter.

Proposed Amendment 10: **ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENTS Section 2:** Vote Required to Amend
Amend by inserting as follows:

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Section 2: Vote Required to Amend: A two thirds vote of the Member Societies represented by delegates present and voting at a session of the General Congress shall be required for the adoption of any amendment, such vote to be taken by the Member Society, and each Member Society shall have one vote. A majority of the delegates present representing such Member Society, with the General Officers present, belonging to such Member Society, shall be required to determine the vote of such Member Society on all questions.	**Section 2: Vote Required to Amend:** A two thirds vote of the Member Societies represented by delegates present and voting at a session of the General Congress shall be required for the adoption of any amendment **of the Bylaws or the Charter**, such vote to be taken by Member Society, and each Member Society shall have one vote. A majority of the delegates present representing such Member Society, with the General Officers present, belonging to such Member Society, shall be required to determine the vote of such Member Society on all questions. **The Member Societies are the General Society's legally qualified voting members for purposes of amending the Bylaws and Charter.**	**Section 2: Vote Required to Amend:** A two thirds vote of the Member Societies represented by delegates present and voting at a session of the General Congress shall be required for the adoption of any amendment of the Bylaws or the Charter, such vote to be taken by Member Society, and each Member Society shall have one vote. A majority of the delegates present representing such Member Society, with the General Officers present, belonging to such Member Society, shall be required to determine the vote of such Member Society on all questions. The Member Societies are the General Society's legally qualified voting members for purposes of amending the Bylaws and Charter.

Proposed by: GBOA 2022
Rationale: To confirm that the Member Societies are the legally qualified voting members under Massachusetts law.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GENERAL CONGRESS IN 2023

Proposed Charter Amendment 1: **Section 4:** Powers of the Corporation
Amend by inserting as follows:

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
SECTION 4: Powers of the Corporation The corporation shall have power to establish by-laws suitable to carry out the powers hereby granted, including provisions as to the admission, suspension and expulsion of members, and the delegation of powers to officers, committees and persons having the general powers of directors.	**SECTION 4: Powers of the Corporation** The corporation shall have power to establish by-laws suitable to carry out the powers hereby granted, including provisions as to the admission, suspension and expulsion of members, and the delegation of powers to officers, committees and persons having the general powers of directors. **No officer or director of the Corporation shall be personally liable to the Corporation or its members for monetary damages**	**SECTION 4: Powers of the Corporation** The corporation shall have power to establish by-laws suitable to carry out the powers hereby granted, including provisions as to the admission, suspension and expulsion of members, and the delegation of powers to officers, committees and persons having the general powers of directors. No officer or director of the Corporation shall be personally liable to the Corporation or its members for monetary damages

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	for breach of fiduciary duty as an officer or director notwithstanding any provision of law imposing such liability; provided, however, that this Article shall not eliminate or limit the liability of an officer or director (i) for any breach of the officer's or director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its members, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, or (iii) for any transaction from which the officer or director derived an improper personal benefit; and provided further that such limitation shall be effective only to the extent that the Corporation's status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Code is not adversely affected thereby. No amendment or repeal of this Article shall adversely affect the rights and protection afforded to an officer or director of the Corporation under this Article for acts or omissions occurring prior to such amendment or repeal. The provisions of this Article shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director or officer of the Corporation for any act or omission occurring prior to the date on which this Article became effective.	for breach of fiduciary duty as an officer or director notwithstanding any provision of law imposing such liability; provided, however, that this Article shall not eliminate or limit the liability of an officer or director (i) for any breach of the officer's or director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its members, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, or (iii) for any transaction from which the officer or director derived an improper personal benefit; and provided further that such limitation shall be effective only to the extent that the Corporation's status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Code is not adversely affected thereby. No amendment or repeal of this Article shall adversely affect the rights and protection afforded to an officer or director of the Corporation under this Article for acts or omissions occurring prior to such amendment or repeal. The provisions of this Article shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director or officer of the Corporation for any act or omission occurring prior to the date on which this Article became effective.

Proposed by: GBOA 2022
Rationale: Massachusetts law allows non-profit corporations to provide certain legal protections for its officers and directors for the good faith business decisions they make on behalf of the Society if they add such a provision to their Charter. This provision will protect members of the General Board of Assistants who volunteer their time for the Society.

Proposed Charter Amendment 2: **Section 6:** Authority to Control Real and Personal Property
Amend by inserting as follows:

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
SECTION 6: The corporation is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, with authority to sell, purchase, mortgage, lease or rent the same, or any part thereof.	**SECTION 6:** The corporation is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate ~~**to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars,**~~ with authority to sell, purchase, mortgage, lease or rent the same, or any part thereof.	**SECTION 6:** The corporation is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate, with authority to sell, purchase, mortgage, lease or rent the same, or any part thereof.

Proposed by: GBOA 2022.
Rationale: Massachusetts eliminated asset caps for non-profit corporations many years ago, but this amendment conforms to current law and avoids future confusion.

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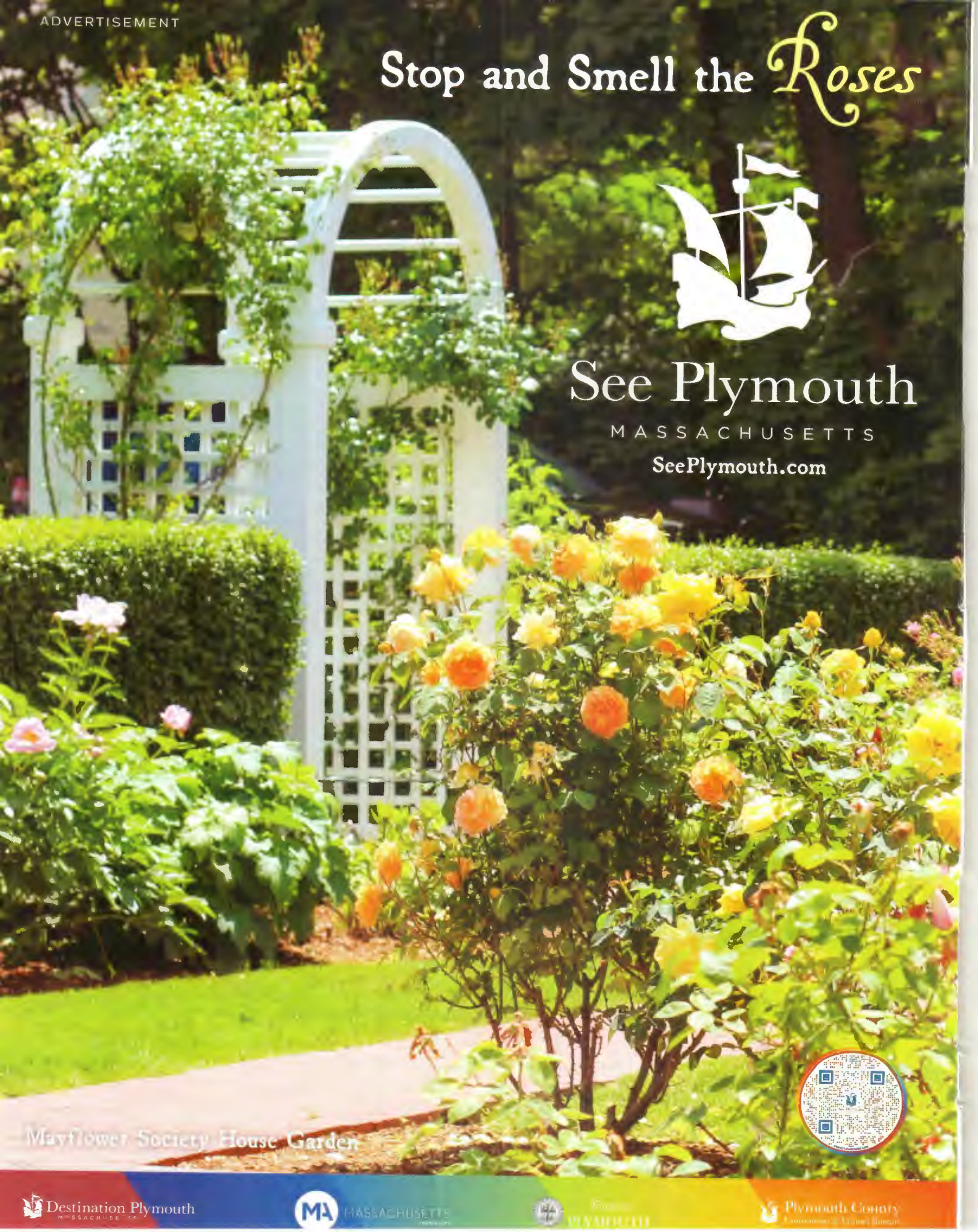

In Memoriam

Former Assistant Governor General Donald Wynant West

Former Assistant Governor General Donald Wynant West passed away unexpectedly in Statesville, North Carolina, on January 8, 2023. He joined the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois on November 29, 1995, as a descendant of Edward Fuller. Mr. West was elected Assistant Governor General and served on the Executive Committee from 2002 to 2005 under the leadership of Governor General Robert E. Davis. A remembrance service is being planned for June. Our sympathies to his daughters and family.

Quembe Mary Lou (Robinson) Walkingstick of Yukon, Oklahoma, passed away on September 6, 2021, at the age of 88. Mrs. Walkingstick served the Oklahoma Society as Parliamentarian and on the Board of Assistants from 2004 to 2020. She was a descendant of William Brewster. Mrs. Walkingstick is survived by her daughter, Lane Nolan; three sons, Robert Lane, Ray Lane, and Rex Lane; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Sharlee Mack Henshaw Kuhns of Owasso, Oklahoma, passed away on February 12, 2022, at the age of 79. Ms. Kuhns served the Oklahoma Society as Secretary from 2010 to 2013 and Newsletter Editor from 2010 to 2016. She was a descendant of Edward Doty. Ms. Kuhns is survived by her daughter, Lori Linzmeir; her son, Alexander Holcomb and one granddaughter.

Alan Farwell Shipley of Scottsdale, Arizona, passed away on July 5, 2022, at the age of 85. Mr. Shipley served the Arizona Society as Captain from 2014 to 2015. He was a descendant of William Bradford. Mr. Shipley is survived by his wife, Dolores D. Shipley; five children, twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Diana Grace Bastian of Yorkville, New York, passed away on July 14, 2022, at the age of 75. Mrs. Bastian served the New York Society as Co-Historian in 2014, and also served as Historian for the Albany Colony. She was a descendant of William Brewster and William White. Mrs. Bastian is survived by her daughter, Jamie Chapple; her son, Shaun Bastian and four grandchildren.

Elizabeth Ann Winter of Scottsdale, Arizona, passed away on October 28, 2022, at the age of 73. Mrs. Winter served the Arizona Society as Deputy Governor from 2005 to 2008. She was a descendant of Thomas Rogers. Mrs. Winter is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Kathryn and Scott Whittaker and several nieces and nephews.

Richard "Dick" Laverne Hart of Meridian, Idaho, passed away on November 12, 2022, at the age of 92. Mr. Hart served the Idaho Society as Historian from 2006 to 2012. He was a descendant of John Howland. Mr. Hart is survived by his wife, Ramona Hart; two sons, Jay Hart and David Hart; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants remembers those members who have served on the board of a Member Society or as a General Society officer. If a past or present officer of your Member Society has passed away, please complete the In Memoriam Form located in the Members Area of the GSMD website under Society Resources, and email it to Secretary General Meg Averett at the following email address: **SecretaryGeneral@TheMayflowerSociety.org.**

General Society of Mayflower Descendants Forty-third General Congress

MEG AVERETT, SECRETARY GENERAL

PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS – SEPTEMBER 8-13, 2023

The Forty-third General Congress will take place at Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts, September 8-13, 2023. The business meetings of Congress cover two days, Monday and Tuesday, September 11 and 12; if you are a General Board of Assistants (GBOA) officer or delegate from your Member Society, do not register for any tours on those days.

Details for tours are found in this issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*. More information will be found on the website registration. Registration begins on March 1, 2023.

Members may pick up their Credentials and Registration Packet at the General Congress Registration Table in the lobby of the Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor on Friday, September 8 from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm; Saturday, September 9 from 8:00 am until 5:30 pm; Sunday, September 10 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am; and Monday, September 11 from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, just before the convening of the General Congress.

On Sunday, September 10, the Pilgrim Progress will begin at the Mayflower Society House at 1:00 pm. Please line up at 12:30 pm. Bring your own Pilgrim attire to step back in time and remember your ancestors. Participants in Pilgrim attire will lead us all to Cole's Hill for a wreath laying led by the Governor General and followed by the reading of the names of the fifty-one Mayflower passengers who died during the first winter. The Progress will then continue up Leyden Street to the Old Courthouse Square, into the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse for the Opening Ceremonies. The Society House Garden Reception will follow the Opening Ceremonies.

The General Board of Assistants will meet at 6:00 pm on Sunday, September 10 at the Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor Ballroom. Only those officers (including DGGs and AGs) present for the required Sunday roll call will be seated at Congress.

The General Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants will convene at Plymouth, Massachusetts, on Monday, September 11 and Tuesday, September 12 at 9:00 am in the Ballroom on the main floor of the Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor. The room is handicap accessible with assigned seating for GBOA officers and designated Member Society delegates. Silent observers will be allowed in the business sessions as space permits, seated at the rear of the room.

The Governor General's 1620 Club members and their guest will meet on Wednesday, September 13.

CONGRESS ACCOMMODATIONS

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the four hotels listed at right. Attendees must make their own hotel/motel reservations. Please make your reservations directly using the following numbers or links. These room blocks will be open on March 1, 2023. To receive special Congress rates from the four hotels, please mention that you are registering for The Mayflower Society General Congress. The prices do not include taxes and fees.

For other accommodations in the Plymouth Area, visit the See Plymouth Website, Official Tourism Site for the Town and County of Plymouth: **seeplymouth.com/listings/lodging/.**

Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor (\$209)
180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA
508-747-4900 | hotel1620.com
Visit and enter the PROMO code **MAYFLOWER2023**

Hampton Inn & Suites (\$209-\$219)
10 Plaza Way, Plymouth, MA
508-747-5000

John Carver Inn & Spa (\$224-\$242)
5 Summer Street, Plymouth, MA
508-746-7100 | johncarverinn.com

Best Western Cold Spring (\$209.99-\$319.99)
180 Court Street, Plymouth, MA
508-746-2222 | bestwestern.com

CONGRESS TOURS

PILGRIMS PATH

Saturday, September 9, 2023, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, $150 per person.

Join us in following the footsteps of our Pilgrim Ancestors. We will travel by a comfortable air-conditioned motor coach instead of "on foot or in a shallop." Our journey will take us to Provincetown, the tip of Cape Cod. It is here our ancestors first set foot in the New World. We will visit the Pilgrim Monument, built in 1920, to commemorate the First Landing. P-town, which locals call it, has many great options for lunch. You will have lunch on your own. We will also visit Corn Hill, First Encounter Beach, Cove Burying Ground, and the Aptuxcet Trading Post Museum. The Pilgrims established the post for trading with New Amsterdam and the Native Americans.

Price per person. Participants must be able to walk on uneven surfaces. Not wheelchair accessible.

BEAUTIFUL NEWPORT

Monday, September 11, 2023, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, $155 per person.

In less than an hour and a half, we can be in beautiful Newport, home to the summer cottages of the rich and famous during Victorian times. The rich called them cottages; we call them mansions! Newport is rich in Colonial history and has many Colonial-Era homes. We will visit the Breaker's Mansion, summer cottage of Cornelius Vanderbilt. An expert Newport tour guide will give us all the scoop on those scandalous high society folks as we drive the beautiful Ocean Drive. You will have lunch on your own and shopping time on the quaint cobblestoned Thames Street.

Price per person. Participants must be able to walk on uneven surfaces. Not wheelchair accessible. This is Congress Business Day #1. If you are a GBOA officer or delegate, do not register for this event since you will be attending the business session.

HISTORIC BOSTON

Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, $160 per person.

How can you come to Plymouth and not at least take a peek at Boston? The City on the Hill does not disappoint. Our tour today will take us to the oh-so-fun Tea Party Ships & Museum, where we will throw tea overboard and learn about this historic event in an engaging and entertaining way. A short walk will take us to the Paul Revere House, which was already ninety years old when he bought it! Then onward to the Old North Church, where the *two if-by-land* lanterns were hung. It was built in 1723 and has quite a unique history. So much of Boston needs to be experienced by foot, but we will attempt to point out as many historical sites in the comfort of our motor coach. Lunch will be on your own in the historic Faneuil Hall/Quincy Market area. Here you will have the chance to dine on authentic New England food. May I suggest a lobster roll or clam chowder?

Price per person. Participants must be able to walk up to one mile total in small increments on uneven surfaces. Not wheelchair accessible. This is Congress Business Day #2. If you are a GBOA officer or delegate, do not register for this event since you will be attending the business session.

More events are being planned. Please see the GSMD website Congress registration for more details. Registration opens March 1, 2023, in the Members-Only section of the website.

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SCHEDULE

To register for Congress: *Register online at TheMayflowerSociety.org in the Members-Only section. There will be no on-site registration. Please visit the GSMD website regularly for meeting updates. All events take place at the Hotel 1620 unless specified. Please note that all tours leave from Hotel 1620, Plymouth Harbor. The meetings of Family Societies who have partnered with GSMD and finalized plans are listed below.*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm . . . Credentials Pick-up, Hotel 1620 Lobby.

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm . . . . Open for Committee Meetings.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

8:00 am – 5:30 pm. . . . Credentials Pick-up, Hotel 1620 Lobby.

8:30 am – 5:00 pm. . . . Tour: Pilgrims Path.

9:00 am – 4:00 pm . . . Executive Committee Meeting (EC Officers only).

3:00 pm – 9:00 pm . . . Brewster Family Society Meeting.

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm . . . *Descendants on Deck,* Mayflower II Event.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

9:00 am – 11:00 am . . . Credentials Pick-up, Hotel 1620 Lobby.

10:00 am – 12:00 pm . . Historians Meeting.

12:30 pm. . . . . Pilgrim Progress line-up Mayflower Society House drive.

1:00 pm . . . . . Pilgrim Progress: from the Mayflower Society House.

2:00 pm. . . . . Opening Ceremony at the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse, followed by the Garden Reception.

6:00 pm. . . . . General Board of Assistants Meeting, required for officers, includes DGGs and AGs to be seated for Congress, (Hotel 1620 Ballroom).

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. . . . Open for Committee Meetings.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

8:00 am – 9:00 am. . . . Credentials Pick-up, Hotel 1620 Lobby.

9:00 am – 4:00 pm . . . First Business Session of General Congress (Hotel 1620 Ballroom).

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm . . . Lunch Break.

8:30 am – 5:00 pm. . . . Tour: Beautiful Newport.

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm . . . Open for Committee Meetings.

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm. . . . Pilgrim William White Society Meeting.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

9:00 am – 4:00 pm . . . Second Business Session of General Congress (Hotel 1620 Ballroom).

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm . . . Lunch Break.

8:30 am – 4:30 pm. . . . Tour: Historic Boston.

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm. . . General Congress Reception and Banquet, Indian Pond Country Club, Kingston (Black Tie optional).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

9:00 am . . . . . Executive Committee Meeting for new EC officers.

Time to be announced. . . . . 1620 Club Events (by invitation).

CONGRESS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Congress registration online beginning March 1.
March 1 – May 31: Registration Fee, $100.
June 1 – July 15: Late Registration Fee, $125.
June 10: Tour registration ends.
July 15 or upon sell-out: Last day to register.

Note: Register online at TheMayflowerSociety.org in the Members-Only section. It is quick, it is easy, and you are confirmed. There will be no on-site registration accepted. All attendees are required to register and wear the official registration badges to all events, tours, and Congress Meetings. The official registration badges are your tickets and paid receipt. You will be required to have your registration badge to enter any venue, board tour buses, or attend any scheduled activity. Do not lose it, do not leave it in your room, it is your paid ticket and entry to the activities and events.

Registration for Tours ends June 10.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Registration fees are non-refundable with **no exceptions.**

Requests for refunds on tours must be received by Friday, June 9. Tours may be cancelled with a full refund if minimums are not met.

Requests for refunds on other events, excluding tour cancellations, must be received by Friday, July 14.

A $25 service fee will be charged for cancellations.

No refunds or ticket transfers to other members after July 15.

THE *MAYFLOWER II* – DESCENDANTS ON DECK!

Saturday, September 9, 2023
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
$50 per person

Join us for an evening to remember featuring the *Mayflower II,* on Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. View the sunset on the exhibit dock as we enjoy passed appetizers. A cash bar will be available. The cost of the event is $50.

You will be able to view the Mayflower II 1957 Memorabilia Pop-up Exhibit with Tom Begley, Director of Collections & Special Projects, on the dock and to interact with the crew. There will be a Pop-up Shop on the dock with items for purchase.

Captain Whit Perry will accompany small groups aboard the ship. While on board, you will have the opportunity for individual or group photos taken with props and overlooking Plymouth Harbor. You will also reenact the signing of the Mayflower Compact on board with a unique photo of the occasion.

Deputy Executive Director Richard Pickering will offer welcome remarks.

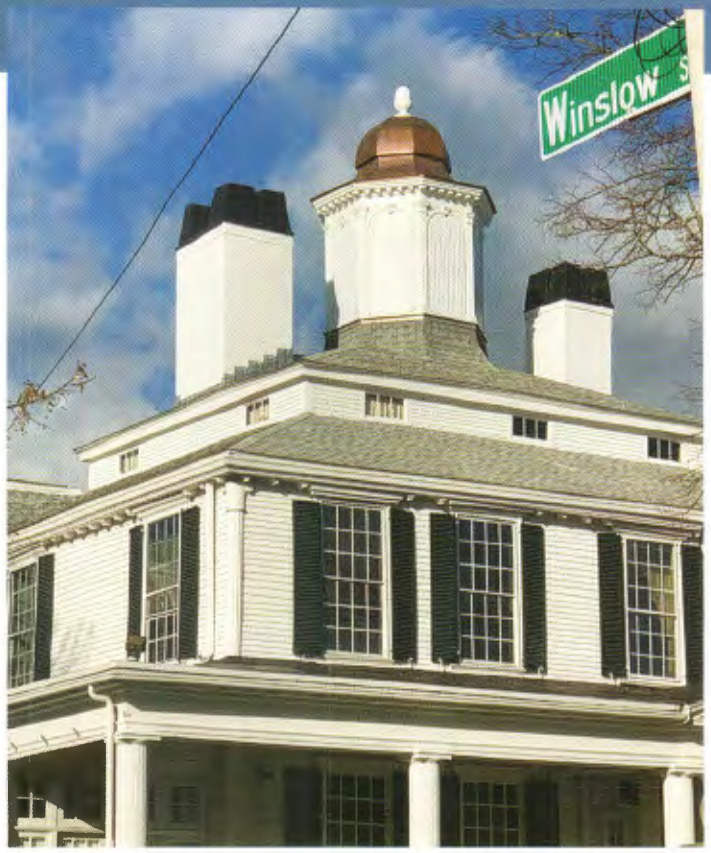
Governor General Jane Hurt reenacting the signing of the Mayflower Compact in 2014.

Mayflower Society House 2021-2023 Restoration

MARK SCHMIDT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Mayflower Society House (the "House") restoration will continue through the winter months and into the springtime in advance of the 2023 General Society of Mayflower Descendants Congress. The House, originally built in the mid-eighteenth century and enlarged in the late nineteenth century, has a distinguished history that the Society is proud to honor. Overseen by architectural historian Brian Pfeiffer, artisans and workers have been working steadily to see that the House is refurbished in a manner that befits its past. The artisans' desire to honor the House's history, and the restoration is based upon how the House appeared after its 1890s expansion. Supply-chain issues have hampered the pace of the work, but major improvements are underway.

The House's need for major repairs became apparent in stages following a plumbing leak that damaged the ceiling of the library in 2020. During the building assessment that followed, water damage was discovered in the basement, and foundation and chimney problems were revealed. In the attic, leaks caused by storm-driven rain revealed failed flashings at the cupola. Damage to the library's decorated plaster ceiling raised the question of whether active plumbing lines should be maintained in the museum portion of the House, and whether an assessment of the rest of the House would show that other interior repairs would be needed. Of equal concern was the discovery that all the original knob-and-tube wiring remained live and in use, a source of potential fire hazard as 120-year-old wire insulation breaks down. The Mayflower Society hired Pfeiffer to oversee work that needed addressing, and in addition to the electrical and foundation repairs and replacement, it was discovered that roof work needed to be done, the drainage from the roof needed improvement (gutters and downspouts were not operating as needed, and the water was not running away from the building in proper fashion), and windows and sash needed restoration. During the early course of work, one of the House's two furnaces failed, requiring immediate replacement. Carpenters and a plasterer were hired to work with electricians to minimize and repair the damage to walls and woodwork during the complete re-wiring of the House, while masons carefully dismantled sections of the northeast chimney to rebuild the chimney and stop leaks. Foundation corners throughout the House had settled and shifted requiring the rebuilding of stone and brick support walls.



▲ The Mayflower Society House with its restored copper cupola and window shutters.

Once work commenced in earnest, Pfeiffer began a deeper dive into the needs of the House. Multiple bathrooms needed upgrading due to the aging of old fixtures and plumbing lines. Gutters, downspouts, and drainage lines had failed, causing rainwater to land close to the foundation and find its way into the cellar. The cupola which sits in the path of Nor'easter storms had suffered the failure of its window flashings, and its 125-year-old copper dome was nearing the end of its functional life. A side entrance leading into the House had to be dismantled and reconstructed due to years of weather that had compromised the structural integrity of its brick foundation. Windows had been sealed shut by layers of paint and by some single-sheet storm panels that trapped moisture and caused decay to the window sash and frames. Even the hand-wrought iron gates that have guarded the entrances to the property had suffered damage from cars and rust. They have been removed and are now at Cassidy Brothers Forge where they will be repaired for re-installation in 2023.

Pfeiffer engaged artisans trained in traditional building materials and techniques to carry out sensitive repairs. Penelope (Pen) Austin, a master plasterer, gilder, and expert in architectural finishes, including decorative painting undertook sensitive aspects of the interior starting with the "Carton Pierre" panels that will be repaired and re-installed at the library ceiling. The floor of the solarium had buckled and lost much of its finish in the initial plumbing leak but proved repairable by Pen Austin and her crew who removed old finishes, cleaned the wood, coaxed it back to a flat position, and restored the finish. Her work focused on the importance of sensitive restoration using historic materials. Ms. Austin began by cleaning the French polish finish on woodwork throughout the House, including the banister on the main stairwell and the paneling in the library.

Meanwhile, Pfeiffer uncovered the fact that the cupola was made from copper and needed to be replaced and repaired. New copper was placed upon the cupola, as well as below it, to make certain the cupola looked better and no longer leaked. A new rubber roof was installed above the solarium, also making certain the roof no longer leaked. And, further investigation showed that the roof above the veranda had been copper early in the twentieth century. The Executive Committee voted to restore the roof to copper, and the Plymouth Historic District Commission approved the renovation work. The new copper roof was installed in January 2023.

Window and shutter repair throughout the House (there are ninety-three windows in the building) also commenced in the fall of 2022. Rich Friberg of Pleasant Avenue Restorations is in the process of inspecting each window and rendering each operable to restore air flow and ventilation as an important component of maintaining moderate relative humidity in the House. The paneled casement shutters that exist in the principal rooms are being repaired and restored for operation so that ultraviolet rays will be controlled and light will be monitored.

The foundation work and rebuilding of the northeast chimney have been undertaken by Fabio Bardini, a mason and owner of Florentine Renaissance Masonry. Born and raised in Florence, Italy, Bardini has a passion for stone work, having studied geometry, drawing, painting, art forms and architectural history from the Greek, Roman and Egyptian periods to the Renaissance era. He and his crew have taken apart the foundation corners of the House as well as the side entrance, hand

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▲ Top left: Detail of banister on the main stairwell. Top right: The restored floor in the solarium. Middle: Work being done on the library ceiling. Bottom left: The wooden structure of the cupola. Bottom right: The cupola with its new copper covering.

"Florentine Renaissance Masonry ... hand cleaning the bricks and restoring and replacing them with materials used centuries ago."

Top left: The reconstructed landing by the side entrance. Top right: The location for the new handicapped-access ramp. Bottom left: Stacks of the old foundation bricks to be washed restored and reused. Bottom right: Painters working on the inside of the House.

cleaning the bricks and restoring and replacing them with materials used centuries ago. He noticed quickly that the corners of the House were shrinking into the ground, so he moved to shore up the corners and rectify drainage issues that were causing problems for the building. He will continue his work in the spring of 2023, and also address the brick work to which the wrought iron gates are attached so that they will be straight and strong. He has finished the western corners of the building but more remains to be finished. Once restored, the House should be structurally secure for another century.

Because of the amount of work that was done in the House to replace the electrical system, the interior walls will be painted this winter. Although the colors of the walls will not be altered, the fresh paint will enhance the look and feel of the House so that people will know it is a showpiece of the Plymouth waterfront.

Another portion of the project will be the construction of a handicapped-access ramp leading from the garden side of the House into the main hallway. The ramp will lead in and out of the House gardens and will provide access to the House for those who are in need of some assistance. A portion of the cost of the ramp was provided by a $50,000 grant from the Plymouth Community Foundation and from donations provided by members during the "Giving Tuesday" request of November 29, 2022.

There will be other issues, both integral and cosmetic, that will not be addressed prior to September 2023. These include new interior carpeting, all refurbished bathrooms, and all restored bedrooms. However, each room will be able to have a window that opens, allowing improved air flow and circulation. Structural integrity will be restored to the building and the safety concerns will be rectified. Lighting will be installed that will authentically reflect how the House was illuminated in the late nineteenth century.

We will be providing photographic updates of the work done on the House so that you can enjoy its progress from afar. We hope you like what you read and see about the progress of the structure.

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▲ Top: Damage to the brick foundation of the House; more damage and the House's original stone foundation; repairs to the House's corner foundation. Middle: Scaffolding put up during the restoration of the cupola; the restored banister on the main stair. Bottom: Example of the original knob-and-tube wiring; work upon the House's roof; damage to the House's corner foundation.

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Historically Significant Wallpaper Fragment Discovered in Mayflower Society House

MARK SCHMIDT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

While conducting the Mayflower Society House's (the "House") restoration efforts, a fragment of wallpaper installed in 1898, during the age when the House was redesigned and enlarged by architect Joseph Everett Chandler and owned by the Willoughby family, was discovered behind a large mirror hanging on the House's library wall. This segment, 104 inches by 50 inches, is proving to be one of the best remaining examples of that era's high-quality wallpaper found in Massachusetts.

Because it was behind a mirror for over 100 years, it is well-preserved and has been protected from the elements. Its pattern – elaborate and ornate – appears to have been created by a French designer from that time (perhaps a designer named Paul Belin, although, as of this writing, the designer has not yet been confirmed). The metallic and embossed surface finish is distinctive to the period and is a great reminder of how the walls looked before the turn of the twentieth century.

The fragment has been designated for preservation and The Mayflower Society has contracted Studio TKM Associates of Somerville, Massachusetts, to undertake the project. Led by conservator Lorraine Bigrigg, Studio TKM intends to mount the wallpaper on a lightweight "false wall" to provide reinforcement and stability. The conservation team at Studio TKM will utilize a high-quality Japanese paper for further support, which will also maximize the appearance and steady the aging paper. They will also apply an acrylic protective coating to shield it from the elements and to shelter it from oils that may be transferred if people touch the wallpaper. Ultraviolet rays will be filtered out as well, assisting with lengthening the life span of the wallpaper.

Because of these high-quality materials, the wallpaper, when it has been safeguarded, will be displayed in The Mayflower Society House upon its completion for all to see and appreciate. And, as these methods and processes are reversible, it allows The Mayflower Society the option to take the wallpaper sample out of its mounting in the future if it is thought to be necessary.

The cost of preserving this vital piece of Mayflower Society history is approximately $20,000. An anonymous donor contributed $2,500 to get the project started, and more donations towards this project are welcomed. If you are interested in making a donation towards this endeavor, please contact The Mayflower Society Executive Director Mark Schmidt at **ExecutiveDirector@TheMayflowerSociety.org** or call 508-746-3188, ext. 21.

MEMBER SOCIETY NEWS

ALASKA

Alaska Society Celebrates Its Annual Meeting with Governor General Hurt

The Alaska Society of Mayflower Descendants celebrated its first in-person meeting in ten years by inviting Governor General Jane Hurt to be the guest speaker at its annual meeting held on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at the Z.J. Loussac Library in Anchorage, Alaska. It was a truly enjoyable weekend hosting Governor General Hurt. This dynamic lady from Kansas brought her full length down parka and spiffy new hiking boots to enjoy the crisp fall air at 10°F and a dusting of snow while trekking through the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, located forty-seven miles south of Anchorage on the Seward Highway where we viewed moose, caribou, musk oxen, elk, owls, foxes, a black bear and bison. Highlights of Friday's sightseeing trip were viewing Cook Inlet and the snow-capped mountains on the drive to the wildlife center, a walk through the Alyeska Prince Hotel at Alyeska Ski Resort, lunch at The Bake Shop in Girdwood, and a visit to the Oomingmak Musk Oxen Producers' Co-Operative in downtown Anchorage to see the gorgeous hand knit qiviut scarves and smoke rings. Qiviut (pronounced kiv-ee-ute) is the downy soft under wool of the Arctic musk ox which is eight times warmer than wool. The evening ended with dinner at 49th State Brewing which overlooks Cook Inlet.

The Saturday annual meeting was held both in-person and via Zoom. Historian Sidnie Kruse gave a presentation on the history of the *Silver Books* starting with the founder's idea in 1899 and developing into the five generation Mayflower books, which in 2019 became known as the *Silver Books*.

Alaska annual meeting attendees (left to right): Deputy Governor Tim Smith, Ian Mangrobang, Gretchen Kelly, Shelley Houston, Governor Leslie Vieth, Elder Flip Todd, former Governor Carol Ross, Governor General Jane Hurt, Emily McDonald, Leslie Adams, Cortney Bramwell, Karen Denny, Historian Sidnie Kruse and Treasurer Lezlie Wilfer.

Sidnie set up a lovely display table showcasing our Silver Book Fundraiser with book sponsor nameplates which has raised $600 to date.

Governor General Jane Hurt with an Alaskan Birch bowl with the Alaska Society logo engraved in it gifted to her by the Alaska Society.

Governor General Jane Hurt was introduced and she thanked the Alaska Society for inviting her on her first visit to Alaska. Attendees were surprised to learn that her Governor General's medallion opened to pages and leaves inside with the names and dates of the former Governor Generals. We all had goosebumps hearing the Governor General say she never feels alone when wearing this medallion.

Governor General Hurt gave a PowerPoint presentation on the extensive restoration work on the Mayflower Society House and went on to show slides of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse which is the largest stone church in the Plymouth area and located on the grounds where the Pilgrims worshipped. The Mayflower Meetinghouse will become an educational center for the public to learn about the Pilgrims, and it will also continue to be used as a church and wedding venue by the community.

Governor Leslie Vieth presented the Governor General with an Alaskan Birch bowl with the Alaska Society logo engraved in it and a small sampling of wild berry teas, blueberry jam, and birch syrup candies. The annual meeting ended with group photos and a Happy 125th Anniversary to GSMD cake.

The time spent with Governor General Jane Hurt gave the Alaskan officers the opportunity to have informal training sessions and ask questions. The Board sends a huge thank you to Governor General Hurt for a wonderful and invaluable visit! Many thanks to the members who attended and Treasurer Lezlie Wilfer for organizing the weekend. We look forward to celebrating our Sixtieth Anniversary in 2023!

Submitted by: Lezlie Wilfer, *Treasurer*

ARKANSAS

Governor General Hurt Visits Arkansas Society

▲ Governor General Jane Hurt speaking at the Arkansas Society's Fall General Meeting.

The Arkansas Society was privileged to host Governor General Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt at its Fall General Meeting held on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at the Fayetteville Country Club. Members and guests were welcomed by Governor Marvin A. Singleton and the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pilgrim Pledge were recited.

Historian Jimmie Weber asked each member to share their Pilgrim ancestors. The meal was then served and enjoyed by all attendees.

Governor General Hurt gave an interesting and informative PowerPoint slide presentation on her own Pilgrim journey and on the many exciting developments and progress being made by the General Society in Plymouth. At the conclusion, Governor Singleton presented Governor General Hurt with the "Arkansas Traveler" proclamation from Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson.

Governor General Hurt then presented Historian Jimmie Weber with the General Society's Commendation Award and Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the Arkansas Society. She also presented the Past Governor Medal to Past Governor Kevin Shannon.

During the Reports of Officers, Past Historian Judi Shannon, was presented with a framed photo of her commemorative brick in the Historians' Walkway in the Mayflower Society House Garden in Plymouth.

The Arkansas Society website **www.mayflower-ar.org** is now up and running, thanks to Tammy Roberts. Members were encouraged to access **www.TheMayflowerSociety.org** as well for exciting news, information, and ongoing activities.

The General Meeting attendees elected Kevin Shannon to fill the Deputy Governor vacancy and Marvin A. Singleton was chosen as the Deputy Governor General Nominee for Arkansas in anticipation of the 2023 Congress.

The Arkansas Society is looking forward to renewed efforts in Scholarship, Education, Outreach to the public, and the Mission of The Mayflower Society.

Submitted by: Marvin Singleton, *Governor*

IDAHO

The Idaho Society Had a Wonderful Year, Yet a Couple of Heartbreaks

▲ Governor General Jane Hurt and Idaho Governor Debbie Lasher-Hardy.

Our annual meeting was held on April 23 at the Grange Hall in Meridian with thirty-six members and guests in attendance. Governor Debbie Lasher-Hardy introduced the keynote speaker, Vicky Oman, former Manager of the Education Department at Plimoth Patuxet Museums, Plymouth, Massachusetts. Vicky started her presentation by helping Society Members serve a New England Feast. Diners were invited to enjoy Ms. Oman's narration of the food served and the relationship to the seventeenth century Pilgrim diet (cheat bread, sweet pudding of Native corn, stewed pompion, and much more). During dinner, Ms. Oman, in seventeenth century attire, shared stories of the Pilgrim women and girls who attended the First Thanksgiving in Plymouth. The afternoon together ended with a silent auction of items donated by our Governor.

Our annual picnic was held Saturday, July 9 at Guerber Park in Eagle with twenty-five members and guests in attendance. Governor Debbie Lasher-Hardy introduced our special guest, Governor General Jane Hurt who shared her personal story of discovering her Mayflower ancestors. She then personally thanked our Historian and all Historians, stating that the Historian position is special in that it allows a person to build relationships and bonds

with each applicant that wouldn't otherwise be there. Governor General Hurt then reviewed the restoration work at the Mayflower Society House, after which, Governor Lasher-Hardy presented the Governor General with a gift on behalf of the Idaho Society.

A special meeting was held November 19, to discuss ways the Idaho Society could get out in front of the public more, give back to the community, recruit new members, and raise funds for scholarships. The fifteen people in attendance at this meeting generated twenty-seven ideas. The attendees may email **Shonna@gailhartnett.com** for a list of these ideas.

The Idaho Society suffered a couple of losses this year. We mourned the loss in October of Ron Filson and the passing in November of Idaho's Past Historian Dick Hart, who served our Member Society for many years. Both gentlemen will be sorely missed.

Submitted by: Debbie Lasher-Hardy, *Governor*

INDIANA

Six Past Governors Attend Semi-Annual Luncheon

On November 19, 2022, the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants held its semi-annual luncheon. Sixty-seven attendees from around the state enjoyed the annual tribute to the First Thanksgiving and participated in the election of officers. A special Award for Meritorious Service was presented to Martin Mitchell, husband of Life Member, Karen Deckert Mitchell. Although not a member himself, Martin, an information technology professional, has played an integral part in the development and maintenance of the Indiana Society's membership database, often working remotely from his native Australia! Martin's sister-in-law, Past Governor Linda McGlothlin, accepted the award on his behalf.

▲ Governors (left to right): Linda McGlothlin 2016-2019, Dick Gould 1995-1998, Kathryn Lerch 1998-2001, Laura Smith 2022-2025, Deb Givan 2019-2022, Laura Stocker 2013-2016 and Sarah Weddle 2001-2004.

With the meeting attendance returning to normal, we had the pleasure of the company of six Past Governors, representing eighteen years of leadership. Beginning with Dick Gould (1995-1998), Kathryn Lerch (1998-2001), Sarah Weddle (2001-2004), Laura Stocker (2013-2016), Linda McGlothlin (2016-2019) and Deb Givan (2019-2022). The only living Past Governor who could not attend the meeting was Jack Buck (2007-2010). To celebrate this gathering of Governors, a photo was taken with newly elected Governor Laura Smith.

Submitted by: Diana Soule McDowell, *Corresponding Secretary*

KANSAS

Kansas Hosts Mary Brewster

Welcome to Kansas was the greeting Plimoth Patuxet Museums' reenactor Hilary Goodnow received when she arrived in Kansas City. Hilary's greetings continued at Jack Stack's where Kansas City barbeque was served as her evening meal while she was meeting with members of the Kansas Board of Assistants. The next day Hilary, in seventeenth-century dress and dialect, portrayed Mary Brewster, wife of William Brewster. Mary was one of the five women to survive the first winter and one of four to survive to the First Thanksgiving.

As the wife of Separatist William Brewster, Mary (Hilary) presented her 1608 thoughts and fears on moving from England to Holland. Mary talked of leaving the place that had always been her home, of putting her children in danger on the seas and traveling to a strange land. She talked of being loyal to her husband, and of the beliefs of the Separatist church. Mary was concerned with being betrayed again as they were in 1607 when a group of Separatists, including the Brewsters, intending to go to Holland, walked sixty miles to meet a boat on the edge of 'The Wash' at Scotia Creek near Boston, England, only to be betrayed by the ship's captain and jailed. Mary stated that she had never been any distance outside of Scrooby or even seen an ocean prior to the betrayal in 1607.

▲ Plimoth Patuxet Museums' reenactor Hilary Goodnow, who portrayed Mayflower passenger Mary Brewster, pictured with Kansas junior members Andrew and Clara Weis.

Thanks to Hilary's depiction of Mary, the Kansas members came away from our November 6, 2022, meeting with a greater appreciation of the anxiety, fears, courage, and commitment of the women who ultimately crossed the Atlantic on the *Mayflower*. Our hats are off to them.

As a personal note of coincidence, in 2014 my wife Judy and I visited Plimoth Patuxet Museums shortly after learning of my Mayflower ancestry. In preparing for our Member Society meeting, and given our guests, we thought it would be appropriate to project some photos of Plimoth Patuxet Museums on the large meeting screen. As Judy browsed through our 2014 photos, she said, "Is this our Mary Brewster?" I doubted it. Hilary upon seeing her photo on the screen stated that in fact it was her, and then in character as Mary Brewster said, "It's God's Providence."

Submitted by: John Sherman, *Governor*

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Society Updates Website

▲ At Large Board Member Laura Turner, Governor Anissa Penn Davis, and At Large Board Member Rebecca Turner.

Kentucky Governor Dr. Anissa Penn Davis recently tasked At-Large Board Member Laura Turner with revamping our Member Society website. This update was long overdue and has made our Society's website more user friendly. Laura presented the new website to the members at the November meeting held at the Pendennis Club in Louisville, Kentucky. The members were all very excited by her work and answered her call for new pictures.

The new website not only allows prospective members to digitally fill out membership forms, it also highlights instructions for our junior membership program. Member Society Historian Evelyn Zolondek agreed to spearhead our junior membership drive.

Laura's knowledge and expertise in website design has saved us hundreds of dollars a year. The Kentucky Society is most grateful, and Laura's work has already resulted in several inquiries from both prospective members and other Member Societies. The Kentucky Society website can be found at www.kentuckymayflower.com.

Submitted by: Anissa Penn Davis, *EdD, Governor*

MISSOURI

Missouri Keeps the Ball Rolling

▲ Sylvia Hunnewell and Sumner Hunnewell at the St. Louis, Missouri, Thanksgiving Parade.

The Missouri Society kept the ball rolling this year with its fall events. In September, the Missouri Society elected new officers at its annual business meeting, including Vicki Smith as Governor and Debra Hovis as Historian.

Additionally, Treasurer Dustin Peetz and Webmaster Joan McCready brought the Missouri Society into the twenty-first century by adding an online payment option for dues and events to our website.

The Greater Ozark Colony (Springfield area) held its October meeting and luncheon on October 22. Librarian Renee Glass described the Mayflower-story inspired books that are available at the Springfield Greene County Library. Three weeks later, the Heart of America Colony (Kansas City area) held its luncheon. Their program by Jessica Barszczak, acting manager of the Fisher House Kansas City, explained the role and benefits of Fisher Houses for veterans' families.

Our Mayflower Compact luncheon was held in the St. Louis suburb of Town and Country on November 19. Governor Hunnewell gave the program titled "The Pequot War: Suppose They Gave a War and Nobody (from Plymouth) Came." Lovis Brodbeck attended the meeting and happily received her fifty-year membership certificate. Chaplain Fred Evermon, installed the new officers and the gavel was passed to Governor Vicki Smith, who gave a very gracious speech before the luncheon was adjourned.

Captain and Mrs. Hunnewell participated in the St. Louis Thanksgiving Parade, and once again were placed in the front of the procession (even before the Grand Marshal and Mayor). Pounds and pounds of candy corn purchased by the Missouri Society were distributed to children along the televised route.

Submitted by: Sumner Hunnewell, *Past Governor*

NEBRASKA

Nebraska Society Creates Two New Logos

The Nebraska Society, which was organized in 1923, is celebrating its centennial with a new logo developed by Jesse Harding, a society member and graphic designer. The 100-year logo incorporates a ship wheel into one of the zeroes and features the same wave motif found in the General Society's logo.

Additionally, Harding developed a new logo for the Nebraska Society largely inspired by the original letterhead. The ship illustration is a modern interpretation of a woodcut-style and the simplified curling ribbon echoes the dimensionality of the original.

Both logos are featured on T-shirts unveiled during the Society's annual meeting on November 20. The centennial logo will be used throughout 2023 after which the Society's new badge will be used going forward. The Nebraska Society plans events throughout 2023 to celebrate this special milestone.

Submitted by Kathryn Morrissey, *Governor* and Jesse Harding, *Member*

NEVADA

Nevada Society Celebrates Compact Day in Las Vegas and Hosts Governor General Jane Hurt

▲ On a chilly night, Mayflower cousins were captivated by the outdoor legacy neon signs at the Neon Museum. Pictured (left to right): Victoria Guy, Billi Walton, Mark and Connie Beisner Warling, Assistant General Tabor Griswold, Colony Membership Chair (Las Vegas) Sue Butler, Governor General Jane Hurt, Colony Governor (Las Vegas) Phyllis Anderson, Member-at-Large Lorrie Link, Angela Haakinson, Nevada Society Governor Jonathan Dickey, Gary Link, and Tim Hagan.

In a weekend of firsts, the Nevada Society of Mayflower Descendants (NSMD) was honored to host Governor General Jane Hurt at its Sixty-sixth Annual Compact Meeting and Thanksgiving Celebration. The firsts were landmark events that included the only visit by a Governor General in anyone's living memory. The other important first was that this was the first time the Annual Compact Meeting had been held in Las Vegas. NSMD was thrilled to have Governor General Hurt join us, along with Member-at-Large Lorraine "Lorrie" Link and her husband Gary. Also attending was California Mayflower Society Governor Scott Miller.

The busy weekend kicked off on Friday afternoon with a Nevada-style tour of the Mob Museum, located in the old Post Office and courthouse, where the historic 1950 Kefauver Hearings on organized crime were held. The tour was followed by dinner attended by our General Society and Member Society officers at an iconic Las Vegas restaurant. On Saturday, Nevada Society Governor Jonathan

▲ Pictured (left to right): Caleb Johnson, California Governor Scott Miller, Governor General Jane Hurt, Member-at-Large Lorrie Link, and Nevada Governor Jay Dickey.

"Jay" Dickey kicked off the festivities with a few opening remarks, followed by a reading of a Proclamation from Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman.

After the luncheon, Governor Dickey presented Certificates of Honor to several Nevada Society members for their long-term service to the Society, as well as Certificates of Appreciation to the two members of our Las Vegas Colony who organized our Compact Day weekend: Colony Governor Phyllis Anderson and Colony Membership Chair Sue Butler.

After the presentation of certificates, Past Governor David Hess introduced Governor General Hurt, who offered an overview of various projects being pursued by GSMD, and plans for the future. After Governor General Hurt's gracious and informative remarks, Past Governor Hess presented her with a token of her visit – a necklace and earrings made from White Buffalo Turquoise, a stone found only in Nevada. The jewelry was handmade by Nevada Mayflower Society Treasurer Marcia Baldwin.

Following the Governor General's presentation, members and guests were treated to a fascinating talk by our keynote speaker, the noted Mayflower scholar Caleb Johnson, who discussed his most recent research into passenger personal stories and dispelled some of the myths surrounding the Strangers who came to Plymouth on the *Mayflower*.

The weekend festivities were capped off with an evening tour of the magical Neon Museum's Boneyard of old Las Vegas signage. Many of the signs are fully restored and in working order. A hearty gathering of members braved the cool weather to enjoy the spectacular display, a fitting send-off to our members and guests from one of the most glittering cities in America.

Submitted by: David Hess, *Secretary*

NEW YORK

New York Society to Host Its Sixty-ninth Debutante Ball

The New York Society of Mayflower Descendants ("the Society") will host Its Sixty-ninth Annual Debutante Ball on **Saturday, November 4, 2023**, at the University Club in New York.

In 2022, the Society held two balls, allowing young women to make up for years 2020 and 2021, when we were unable to host this annual tradition. The evening before the ball, we held a pre-ball cocktail party to allow the debs and their families the opportunity to get to know one another before making their debut.

We had an impressive group of young women from across the country. See the table below for details about the debs.

As the grandfather of one of our debs wrote, "For [my granddaughter], it should be an event she will remember the rest of her life. And so will we all."

If you have a daughter or other relative who would like to be part of this special experience, please contact Robin Weaver, Executive Director, at rweaver@mayflowernewyork.org.

Submitted by: Robin Weaver, *Executive Director*

Debutante Name	Home State	Ancestor	College
Kaia Brawer	California	Elizabeth Tilley	University of California at Santa Cruz
Lilia Brooker	Texas	William Brewster	Columbia
Brooke Lange	Connecticut	Myles Standish	University of Pennsylvania
Liliana Larson	California	William Mullins	Loyola Marymount
Mary Lavin	New York	William Brewster	Haverford
Jessica Lucas	Alabama	William Bradford	Northeastern
Elizabeth Patterson	Georgia	George Soule	Appalachian State
Elizabeth Barnes-Schwartz	New York	Richard Warren	Bryn Mawr
Sarah Tilghman	Oregon	William Bradford	Smith

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Society Holds Its Ninety-eighth Annual Meeting

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in North Carolina held their Ninety-eighth Annual Meeting at the Etowah Valley Golf and Resort Center in Etowah, Henderson County, North Carolina. The name of the venue, *Etowah,* is derived from a native word meaning town, and became the theme of the event. Our Friday night guest speaker was Dr. Keith Parker who spoke of the Cherokee people who live in the Henderson County area. Dr. Parker published an

North Carolina Members at Ninety-eighth Annual Meeting.

award-winning book titled *Seven Cherokee Myths*, and he is also the author of several books and articles on history and analytical psychology both here and in Europe. Governor Chapman gave each attendee a newly released quarter honoring Wilma Mankiller, the first female Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

Following our Annual Meeting Saturday morning, the fun began with our Cousins Luncheon, where we sat with other members who share the same Mayflower ancestor.

Our Martha Ellen Ward Scholarship recipient, Emily Cadmus, spoke briefly about her studies at Western Carolina University where she is working on her Master's Degree in history.

Saturday's Guest Speaker, Sandra Sheridan Frey from the New York Mayflower Society, has served twenty-five years, as the Non-Governmental Organization representative for Sunray Meditation Society at the United Nations in New York City. Her primary involvement is with the NGO committee on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Ms. Frey spoke to us about the Indigenous People, including the Wampanoag People, who inhabited the area around Plymouth Colony when our Mayflower ancestors arrived in 1620.

In other business, the North Carolina Society will begin working with the North Carolina Genealogical Society to recognize outstanding genealogical work, explore the possibility of installing an historical marker in Asheville to recognize the formation of the North Carolina Mayflower Society in Asheville, and send members to a leadership boot camp in an effort to qualify the North Carolina Society for a state grant. In colony news, Jackie LaMar was elected as the new Governor of the Southeast Colony.

The Central Colony Co-Governors will be Nancy Saul and Maureen Oliver. We appreciate the leadership of Curtis Older in the Charlotte Colony, Sallie Bardelas in the Piedmont Colony, and Rev. Becket Soule with the virtual Speedwell Colony.

The North Carolina Society has had a great year with the addition of a new flag to display at meetings, thirty-five new members with more applications pending, a new colony, and new colony governors.

Our Society looks forward to hosting the General Board of Assistants Meeting in Asheville in September 2024, in honor of our 100th Anniversary.

Submitted by: Jill Chapman, *Governor*

OHIO

Ohio Society Welcomes Member Number 4000!

Timothy Calver, 4000th Member of the Ohio Society.

On November 11, 2022, the Ohio Society was pleased to welcome Timothy Calver as member number 4000. Mr. Calver is Assistant Professor of Physics in the United States Air Force stationed at Wright Patterson Air Base in Dayton, Ohio. He is descended from Stephen Hopkins. Mr. Calver was the recipient of a number of special gifts from the Ohio Colonies and from individuals to celebrate him being Ohio's 4000th member!

Mr. Calver is a member of the Cincinnati Colony. His mother, Cynthia Calver, and grandfather, Albert Ireland, became members around the same time.

Submitted by: Jill Parker, *Governor*

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Society DGG and AG attend GBOA Meeting in Minnesota

The Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants was represented at the recent General Board of Assistants Meeting held in Bloomington, Minnesota, on September 9-10, 2022. Norma Hughes, Deputy Governor General (and Oklahoma Deputy Governor) and Cheri Lawson, Assistant General (and Oklahoma Governor) were honored to attend the meetings

on behalf of the Oklahoma Society. Many insights were gained, and new ideas for improvements in the Oklahoma Society have been implemented.

▲ Governor Norma Hughes, DGG and Cherie Lawson, AG, attended the 2022 GBOA meeting.

Attendees at the meeting were reminded that public outreach is more important than ever before. The use of social media can be productive in reaching the public and increasing membership. Upon returning from the meetings, Norma Hughes developed and continues to maintain a public Facebook page, "Oklahoma Mayflower Society." Items of interest to the general public are posted, and members are encouraged to share posts with their family and friends, who may be inspired to join the Society. For several years, the Oklahoma Society has maintained a public-facing website: **www.okmayflower.com** which gives information about Mayflower history, Oklahoma Society events, membership and contact information. Webmistress Leslie Reid was tasked with doing a major renovation on the website, and she did an excellent job.

The importance of the new General Society branding and logo was reemphasized, with special attention to development of branding and logo for each local society. Our Webmistress Leslie Reed designed a unique logo for the Oklahoma Society. It is now used on the Oklahoma Society website and on the public-facing Facebook page.

Maintaining contact with our membership was also an important topic. Cherie Lawson introduced to the Oklahoma Board of Assistants, the idea of keeping in regular contact with our life members, who may need an annual reminder to contact the Oklahoma Society with changes of mailing address, email address, or phone number. Regular email messages, the biannual *Mayflower Messenger* (newsletter) and our private Facebook group serve as more points of contact for all of our membership.

As in the past, the General Board of Assistants Meetings provided invaluable information, as well as a real sense of connection with the General Society, and the Oklahoma Society looks forward to more members attending in the future.

Submitted by: Norma Hughes, Governor

OREGON

Oregon Society Prepares an authentic "1621 Harvest Feast"

When Beth Lambright, Governor of the Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants (OSMD), suggested at our spring 2022 meeting that we prepare and serve an authentic "1621 Harvest Feast" in the fall, some of our members were skeptical about how and if a meal like that could be done. Now we know the answer to both questions, having enjoyed that exact Harvest Feast at our Compact Day Meeting held November 19, 2022.

First, Governor Lambright secured a venue with a commercial kitchen to keep food safely stored until it was served. The venue included a long foyer with dining tables set up to accommodate eighty attendees, as well as an auditorium. Then, using recipes provided to them, twelve brave members (including myself) volunteered to prep and cook dishes at home, in advance. A few items were familiar, such as roasted venison, turkey, and duck, along with cornbread made from grain ground at Plimoth Patuxet Museums. Other dishes were quite out of the ordinary, including mussels, Original Plimoth Succotash, watercress "salat," and Wampanoag Sobaheg (stew) made with venison donated by local hunters. Last but not least, we had pumpkin pie for dessert, à la 2022 style, just because we couldn't imagine such a meal without it.

Adding authenticity to the occasion, food-safe pewter plates, bowls, mugs, and spoons borrowed for the event were supplemented by other modern dinnerware. Twenty-six rustic wooden trenchers handmade by Terry Lambright, the talented husband of our governor, were also used. Amazingly, Peggy Marsh, of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants, even loaned us her replica "Howland spoons," cast in Massachusetts from the only surviving Mayflower-era spoon from 1690! However, no forks were provided, since they were not widely used in Europe and the United States until the late eighteenth century. Moreover, members were asked to bring their own knives to cut the meat on their plate, as was the custom in 1621. Likewise,

▲ Oregon Members at the Harvest Feast.

since many people in the 1600s still ate with their hands (a messy affair), diners were provided with very large cloth napkins similar to ones used by our Mayflower ancestors, tossed over their shoulders for quick access! Several members even donned Pilgrim attire, including those who served the different courses to the tables.

Before the meal, Governor Lambright led us in songs, prayers, and a recitation of the Mayflower Compact. We made a joyous sound, and there was great merriment amongst the members at their tables. Just like at the First Thanksgiving meal, some of our guests had come from great distances to celebrate together.

Our special guests of honor for the luncheon, who flew to Oregon from Massachusetts, were renowned Falmouth artist Karen Rinaldo, (who painted *The First Thanksgiving / 1621*), and Plimoth Patuxet Museums' consulting historian Kevin Doyle. Prior to the meal, they displayed a large print of Karen's commissioned painting and were on hand to discuss their research and artwork with OSMD members. Each table also had postcard-size prints of the painting for members to take home. We also held a silent auction of member-donated Mayflower items before and during the luncheon, netting $613 for our annual $1,620 Junior Scholarship.

After the meal, members and their guests retired to the auditorium. OSMD member and educator-author Rebecca Locklear, who was born on Cape Cod, led everyone in a Native American chant in honor of the tribes who befriended our ancestors. An interesting PowerPoint presentation was then given by Ms. Rinaldo and Mr. Doyle. They discussed the painstaking and collaborative efforts made to create *The First Thanksgiving* painting (created in 1995), including consultations with the Wampanoag tribe as well as with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants personnel and archives. Upon completion of their presentation, our guests were whisked away to the Portland airport for their departure back to Boston.

Like a Shakespeare play where you are a bit sad to leave the fantasy world on stage, we returned to our modern world of 2022 with a much greater appreciation of our Pilgrim ancestors and especially of their First Thanksgiving meal. As a finishing touch, each member was given a tulip bulb memento from Leiden, South Holland, Netherlands, where our Mayflower ancestors resided before their historic passage to our shores. Next spring (and perhaps for several years), the beautiful tulip blooms will remind each of us of our special Pilgrim heritage.

Many other Member Societies of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants have been inquiring about how they, too, can recreate the 1621 Harvest Feast. Fortunately for them, Governor Lambright has prepared a "how-to" packet, complete with recipes and suggested activities, which she is happy to share. Wampanoag stew, anyone?

Submitted by: Connie Ganz,
Oregon Newsletter Editor

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Society Holds Thanksgiving Service and Dinner

In a little church among the graves, members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (SMDPA) gathered to honor the memories of their Pilgrim ancestors and to celebrate Thanksgiving. The Thanksgiving service and dinner were held on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at the Old St. David's Episcopal Church in Wayne, Pennsylvania, of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow fame. The beautiful setting for this service was chosen by SMDPA Elder Reverend James Buckner. The quaint church, still with no electricity, was built in 1715 by Welsh colonists, and is surrounded by historic gravesites.

The services were opened with the hymn, "We Gather Together," led by Brian Atwood. The presentation of the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance were followed by a welcoming message by Governor Reed Kneale and his reading of the Ronald Regan Presidential Proclamation from Thanksgiving 1981. Other service highlights included the readings of *Psalm 100,* by Sue Henning, the Pilgrim Pledge, by Co-Deputy Governor James Campbell; and the Mayflower Compact, by Co-Deputy Governor Heather Horton. Campbell read the Pilgrim names aloud, with members acknowledging their ancestors with a raised hand. Elder Rev. James Buckner read the necrology of the Society members who had passed away last year. The Homily was given by the Rev. Frank Allen, and the service concluded with the attendees singing "The Mayflower Hymn," compiled by Kelley Atwood. Canned goods and a monetary collection were taken to support the local food pantry and the church.

The annual Thanksgiving dinner was held in the Cottage Room of the Merion Cricket Club

in Haverford, Pennsylvania. Kneale welcomed members and guests with a few remarks and door prizes of books, pamphlets, a framed print by Delaware artist Karen Kuhrt, and even a Pilgrim Barbie. Of course, turkey and all the trimmings were served for dinner, with a delicious piece of pumpkin pie for dessert.

Before Kneale left to return to Pittsburgh, he was delighted to honor Dr. Heather Horton as the 2022 recipient of the SMDPA "Distinguished Pilgrim Award." Dr. Horton is our current Co-Deputy Governor, the Education Chair, the Scholarship Chair, the current Sales Committee Chair, and the author of a series of booklets about the Mayflower women. These books are sold in our store to further the cause of Pilgrim education. Thank you, Heather, for donating hundreds of hours to our Society. Congratulations on earning the title of "Distinguished Pilgrim!"

James Goss, the 2022 Elizabeth Tilley Howland Scholarship Essay winner, was introduced by the Education Chair, Dr. Horton, and she invited James to read his winning essay. James is the son of SMDPA member Daryl Goss; he is a graduate of Abington High School and is attending West Chester University. Best wishes, James, as you continue your education and congratulations on the scholarship win.

After a beautiful meal and great conversation with our Pilgrim cousins, it was time for the evening to end. It appeared as guests were leaving that they were standing a little taller, proud of their Pilgrim heritage.

"This year's Thanksgiving events enjoyed our highest attendance in recent memory, even pre-pandemic," said Campbell. "We were oversubscribed! Credit goes to our wonderful team of volunteers, including Secretary Laura Tyndall and Event Chair Deborah Markowitz."

Outgoing Governor Kneale will assume the Nominating Chair role when Co-Deputy Governor James Campbell assumes the Governorship on January 1, 2023. "The members of the SMDPA are in good hands as the BOA is populated with seasoned veterans," Kneale said. "Jim brings many new skillsets and enthusiasm to the leadership role. I wish them continued success in meeting the needs of the members and fulfilling the mission in our constitution and bylaws."

Submitted By: Sharyn Davis, *Co-Editor, The Pennsylvania Newsletter*

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota Elects New Officers

▲ 400th Anniversary Pilgrim Woman at Doncaster Museum.

In October 2022, the South Dakota Mayflower Society held its annual meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota, with twenty in-person members in attendance with more members attending via Zoom, including Marti Bobertz from her Massachusetts home. There were multiple introductions as several new members were in attendance. John Lefler, a Charter Member, was in attendance, keeping intact his perfect attendance record dating back to the inception of the South Dakota Society in 1956. There were also several new officers elected and the changing of the guard was acknowledged.

The new officers are all very grateful for the incredible leadership handoff and we hope to continue the strong push for awareness and participation in our South Dakota Society!

Member Margie Gibbs Rosario, a descendant of William Bradford, shared highlights with the Society of her trip to England and the places where William Bradford and his family lived.

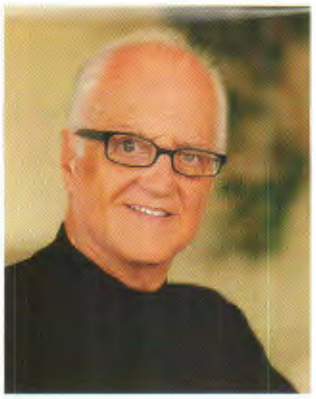
Former South Dakota Governor Jim Wieczorek sent a 4-set South Dakota Society logo, updated by one of his nephews, who is a graphic designer. Much appreciated!

Submitted by: Randy Olivier, *Governor*

▲ South Dakota Members at the Meeting.

TENNESSEE

Tennessee Society Establishes "The Roger L. Young Scholarship"



Roger L. Young.

The Tennessee Society is proud to announce its new scholarship named: "THE ROGER L. YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP." Mr. Young is a distinguished member and has served in many capacities of our Tennessee Society. Not only has he served as Historian and Governor for our Member Society, but he served the General Society of Mayflower Descendants as Secretary General from 2002 to 2005.

Our Guest Speaker for the November meeting was Chuck Sherrill who recently retired as Director of the Tennessee State Library and Archives. Mr. Sherrill has published over thirty books on history and genealogy. His program about alcohol and its effects upon the colonization of America from the *Mayflower* onward was quite entertaining with all the humorous anecdotes he shared with us!

The Tennessee Society will be celebrating our Seventy-fifth Anniversary during the next two years with our official anniversary being in August 2023. We are still in the planning phases, but will be announcing some celebratory events in the next issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*!

Submitted by: Karen Bauer, *Governor*

UTAH

Utah Society Holds Its Fall Banquet

The Utah Society met for its Fall Banquet at the University of Utah LDS Institute on November 11, which was not only Veterans Day, but the 402nd Anniversary of the day the Mayflower Compact was signed. There were over seventy-four attendees at the banquet, representing almost all twenty-two of the Mayflower passengers who are known to have descendants. During Roll Call, John Alden was the ancestor with the most descendants present (over fourteen). Society business was discussed, including RootsTech 2023. We invite General Society members to come to Utah and participate in RootsTech on March 1-4, 2023.

Our guest speaker for the evening was author Jeffery McKenna. He wrote *Saving Dr. Warren: A True Patriot*.

Mr. McKenna tied Dr. Warren (who was not a descendant of Richard Warren) to the *Mayflower* through the Boston Massacre Memorial Speeches. Warren delivered addresses in 1772 and again in March 1775. In his second speech, he called on colonists to understand and appreciate liberties and respect the heritage of our Pilgrim forefathers by fighting for liberty.

Submitted by: Thomas Portlock, *Utah GSMD DGG* and Jill Dewsnup, *Utah Secretary*

VERMONT

Vermont Society Hosts Governor General Hurt

The Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants held its Ninety-sixth Annual Meeting on October 22, 2022, at the Vermont Granite Museum in Barre, Vermont. We were honored to have Governor General Jane Hurt as our guest speaker. She attended our Board of Assistants meeting and gave us guidance regarding issues common to Member Societies. Following the business meeting, Governor General Hurt presented an informative PowerPoint presentation with updates and information on various Mayflower Society projects.

Submitted by: Peg Sherlock, *Governor*

Vermont Board of Assistants with Governor General Jane Hurt (left to right): Elder Elise Roessler, Alice Marsh, Deputy Governor Sheryl Marcoux, Susan Earle, Captain Adam Boyce, Governor General Jane Hurt, Tom Giffin, Governor Peg Sherlock, Historian, Membership Secretary, and Assistant General Randy Roberts, Deputy Governor General Carolyn Adams, Karen Brigham, John Allen, Ken Button, and Secretary Nola Forbes.

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Hosts Governor General Jane Hurt

The Wisconsin Society held its Compact Day Luncheon on Saturday, October 29, 2022. We were honored to welcome Governor General Jane Hurt as our guest of honor and speaker. She gave a multi-media presentation entitled "A Bird's Eye View" to give our members and guests a better understanding of the General Society. Specifically, she shared information about the recent restoration work at the Mayflower Meetinghouse, as well as at the Mayflower Society House.

Wisconsin Governor Diane Woodworth Liebert and Deputy Governor and GSMD Assistant General Jeff Stark presented a special gift to the Governor General: a stained-glass window created by a local Wisconsin artist. Additionally, the Wisconsin Society made monetary donations to the Governor General's 1620 Club as well as to the ongoing restoration projects at the Mayflower Society House.

The Wisconsin Society was pleased to have Governor General Hurt join us. Everyone enjoyed her presentation and the weekend with her. Thank you, Governor General.

Submitted by: JoAnne Jessee, *Newsletter Editor*

Pictured (left to right): Governor Diane Liebert, Governor General Jane Hurt and Jeff Stark.

400 Years of History Meets the Digital Age

CHRIS SCHLOSSER
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE CHAIR

As work continues to develop an indexing platform to digitally capture the life events of every generation from verified Mayflower applications detailing the lives of our Mayflower ancestors for 400 years, the recruitment of volunteer Mayflower Indexers continues in full force!

As a volunteer Mayflower Indexer, you can participate in indexing from a desktop computer or laptop, using Google Chrome, Safari, Edge, or Firefox. An internet connection is necessary for any device as this is a web-based tool. Due to small screen size, indexing on smartphones and tablets is not possible.

"Being a Mayflower Indexer is a great way to be involved in the Mayflower Society in Plymouth no matter where you live," says Technology Team Chair Chris Schlosser. "Indexers can volunteer in their homes at times convenient to them for as much time as they want."

Once complete, the Mayflower Generations Index will fuel the Easy App Generator that will populate new Mayflower Society member or supplemental applications with data that has previously been approved.

When fully implemented, Easy App Generator will improve the application process for applicants, Member Society Historians, and Library and Verifier teams.

The creation of a comprehensive applications index and automated applications are a huge leap forward for The Mayflower Society. And Mayflower Indexers will have the honor of knowing they've propelled The Mayflower Society to a new level in the digital age – at the same time preserving the lineages of generations of Pilgrim descendants.

Detailed instructions on how to capture all critical information from every generation will be developed as the indexing platform is finalized and shared with Indexers as the project progresses. Indexing will begin later this year. All indexers will be required to sign a Nondisclosure Agreement (NDA) form prior to starting the project.

Will you consider joining your fellow Mayflower descendants as a volunteer Mayflower Indexer?

To volunteer, or to ask questions about volunteering, please contact Chris Schlosser, Technology Committee Chair, at **TechCommittee@TheMayflowerSociety.org.**

Alden Kindred of America Publishes *Alden House Historic Site, A Mayflower Family Journey, by Jerry Roberts*

DESIREE MOBED, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ALDEN HOUSE HISTORIC SITE

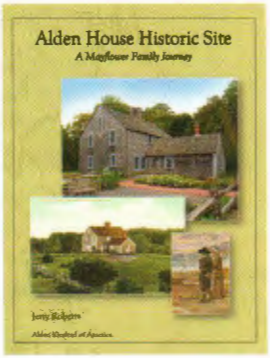
"Every family has a Mayflower story. We all got here somehow, whether we came on the Mayflower or another boat, walked here, or flew here...We are the living embodiment of the success of those voyages and the survival of those people. We are on an ongoing journey that they began."

- Jerry Roberts, *Alden House Historic Site, A Mayflower Family Journey*

John and Priscilla Alden are without question the most celebrated Mayflower Pilgrim couple. Popular art, commemorative items, and hundreds of printed magazines, books and other publications have kept them in public mind since they captured the imagination of the world with the publication of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's bestselling mid-nineteenth-century poem, "The Courtship of Miles Standish." Longfellow was a descendant through John and Priscilla's eldest daughter Elizabeth and was familiar with the family tradition of a love triangle connecting John, Priscilla, and Myles Standish, and her timeless response to the bashful suitor, "Speak for yourself, John!"

A newly published souvenir booklet about the Alden house and family captures this legacy in pictures, maps, and engaging narrative history. The thirty-six-page booklet was written by author and historian Jerry Roberts, who has spent over thirty-five years in the museum business as a curator and director, including a time at both the Intrepid Air and Space Museum in New York and the New England Air Museum in Connecticut. More recently, Jerry served on the board of Alden Kindred of America, where he saw the need for this publication. "What I love to do," said Jerry, "is to take big stories and make them meaningful and yet short and that's what this project was."

The booklet is divided into several short chapters. Topics include—Pilgrim 101 along with an introduction to John and Priscilla, their choice to stay in New England, their lives in Plymouth, the Pilgrims' relationship to the Wampanoag Native American tribe, the move to Duxbury, the chronology and archaeology of the Alden houses, their subsequent fame, and the Alden site today, which is under the stewardship of Alden Kindred of America. Longtime Alden fans will appreciate highlights of the recent archaeological scholarship from the seventeenth-century homesite, a chronology of the houses' evolution, and Jerry's list of Pilgrim places and other resources people can explore to learn more about Pilgrim history.



▲ Alden House Historic Site.

"One of the things that really interested me about the project was the Duxbury connection and to show people how it connects to the Mayflower story," Jerry said. "It's a great story and was something I didn't know much about." A map recently created by the late Duxbury local historian and retired surveyor, Monty Healy, vividly demonstrates this historical connection and is included in the booklet.

Jerry offers his readers an armchair tour of the house, sharing with his fellow travelers a snippet of each room and vignettes of the family members who lived there, as he untangles the story of the six generations who called it home, how they connected to each other, and now to us. Readers meet the Alden family characters, both the famous and the infamous!

In bringing this story to life, Jerry worked closely with AKA historian Tom McCarthy, former Alden curator and Pilgrim historian James W. Baker, and many others to ensure they delivered a lively, colorful, and historically faithful book that is a family treasure. *Alden House Historic Site, A Mayflower Family Journey* is the perfect keepsake for those who want a memento of their visit to share with family and friends. The booklet was supported by grants from the Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation and the Rockwell Foundation.

To learn more about the booklet, check out the talk by Jerry Roberts that is posted on the Alden website at **www.alden.org.** You may purchase a copy of the booklet through the Alden website shop and through the General Society of Mayflower Descendant's Online Shop at: **TheMayflowerSociety.org/shop.**

The Warren Cousins' Fiftieth Anniversary

MARTIN W. BEERMAN, PRESIDENT

The Warren Cousins: The Family Society of the Descendants of Mayflower Pilgrim Richard Warren and his wife, Elizabeth Walker

In celebration of The Warren Cousins' Fiftieth Anniversary in 2023 and the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the arrival of the *Anne* in Plymouth on July 16, 1623, carrying Elizabeth and her five daughters, The Warren Cousins are pleased to announce it is working with St. John the Baptist Church to place a permanent memorial for Richard and Elizabeth in the Great Amwell church where the couple married on April 14, 1610. Reverend Dr. Sarah Forrest is St. John the Baptist's Priest in Charge.

The church dates to the eleventh century, and is essentially unchanged since the 1610 wedding. A local "letter carver" is designing the memorial and identifying placement within the church. The Warren Cousins will join St. John the Baptist Church members on Sunday, September 3, 2023, to dedicate the memorial and celebrate the legacy of Richard Warren and Elizabeth Walker.

The Warren Cousins have worked with an experienced Mayflower travel agency to develop an eight-night itinerary for Mayflower descendants visiting Great Amwell for the dedication. Tour dates are Sunday, August 27 through Monday, September 4. Please contact The Warren Cousins at: **TheWarrenCousins@gmail.com** for more information.

Research in London

The Warren Cousins is building an inventory of past research of Richard Warren's origins, collecting what has been published, as well as possible theories or debunked research. Other than Governor Bradford identifying Richard as a merchant "of London," his origins and parentage are unknown. As more records are digitized and other records can be more easily accessed, the time is right to engage a professional researcher in London to determine if any of the many Richard Warrens born in the early 1580s in London is *the* Richard Warren who sailed on the *Mayflower*, and can be connected to Elizabeth Walker, her father, Augustine Walker, or his other children or associates.

The Warren Cousins Mission:

To perpetuate the memory of Mayflower Pilgrim Richard Warren and his wife, Elizabeth Walker:

- By collecting, preserving and publishing information about Richard and Elizabeth and their descendants.
- By fostering research and educational activities about The Warren Family.

All Warren descendants are invited to join The Warren Cousins in this special anniversary year. Joining is easy with an approved Warren Mayflower Society application. Life and Annual memberships are available. To join, visit The Warren Cousins website and click on How to Join.

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Online Discoveries: Seldom-Used Federal Census Schedules – Industrial and Manufacturing Schedules, Part Two

DALE H. COOK

Introduction

I wish to apologize for the great delay in publishing Part Two of this article. Immense professional demands on my schedule, along with genealogical demands as a new office holder and some health issues have made 2022 a difficult year. Because all of those demands and issues have now more-or-less receded, I look forward to continuing this column.

Although this column appears in a genealogical publication, my use of the industrial and manufacturing schedules has, with few exceptions, not been for genealogical purposes. Its use has been for another major interest of mine – researching the history of old water-powered mills, and locating and photographing remaining mills and ruins. The examples in this article are drawn from my research into old mills in that part of the nation where I have spent the second half of my life, but the information found in those schedules and the inferences drawn from that information may prove useful to you in your genealogical research.

Comments on the Schedules

A great handicap in using the industrial and manufacturing schedules is that the digitized microfilms of those schedules are often of poor quality and difficult to read. The examples given in this article are from images which I have deciphered, sometimes with the aid of published or manuscript works by mill scholars. Another obstacle may be limited access to those schedules. I have access to schedules from 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 for a number of counties in southwestern Virginia where I am conducting mill research. I use the digitized images of those schedules on Ancestry Library Edition, which I access at my local library. In many of those counties I have access to schedules for only a portion of those years, and I suspect that researchers in other parts of the country must face the same problems which I have experienced. It is almost impossible to draw a complete picture of a mill through the decades from those schedules. The accounts which follow are fragmentary, but the information found in the schedules can still be informative. Note, that although my examples below concern mills, I have restricted myself to that area because the old mills of southwestern Virginia are an object of my studies. I have noted some references which provide information supplementing the schedules – your research may also be drawn from a number of sources. Note also that later schedules often provide more detail than earlier schedules.

Martin's Mill (Built ca. 1866), later Clements' Mill and Piedmont Milling Co., Wirtz, Franklin County, Virginia: 1870 Schedule[1]

When information from only one schedule is available, useful information can still be gleaned, and can be combined with information from other sources. Abraham Martin built his mill on Maggodee Creek, and it became one of the most successful mills in Franklin County. It operated until the 1960s, and was then sold twice, once under-capitalized, and recently to a man who is restoring it with the goal being full operability. The mill, its dam and pond, and dug race are still extant. In the 1870 schedule it was milling wheat and corn, with a product value of $7,100.[2] Other sources can be combined with the schedule information for a fuller picture of the mill's history.[3,4]

Evans' Mill Site (Built by 1753), later Big Spring Mills and McClanahan's Mill, Roanoke City, Virginia: 1870 Schedule[5]

Here is another mill with but a single schedule found. By 1753, Mark Evans had built his mill at the foot of Mill Mountain, powered by the flow from Crystal Spring.[6,7] This 1753 date makes this mill one of the earliest I have investigated. The mill property was acquired in 1782 by William McClanahan and his family expanded the mill to handle wheat, corn, rye, and lumber, using the original flume. In 1835 it was called "the most important mill on the frontier."[8] In 1870 the total value of the products was $21,000.[9]

Martin's Mill, Franklin Co., VA, courtesy Dale H. Cook.

The mill burned in 1886, but the flume and wheel stood until 1890 when they were demolished. A steam pumping station was built on the site in 1905 to pump Crystal Spring water for the City of Roanoke and it has been restored as an historic site.

Price's Mill Site (Built ca. 1850), later Leffel's Mill and Givens' Mill, Newport, Giles County, Virginia: 1870 and 1880 Schedules[10]

Henry Price built his mill on Sinking Creek, not far from the center of Newport, about 1850.[11] This mill is no longer standing, but the mill pond and dam and some mill ruins remain.[12] In the 1870 schedule it is shown as a grist mill, grinding wheat, corn, buckwheat, and rye. It was water-powered and produced nearly $4,000 of product annually.[13] In the 1880 schedule it was still owned by Henry Price, and was milling only wheat and corn, but the value of the products was $6,020. It was still water-powered and the motion source was shown as a waterwheel.[14] The mill was then sold to George Leffel by the 1920s, and then sold to Hugh Givens in 1928, who converted it from a grist mill to a hydro power facility, providing Newport with its first electricity.[15, 16, 17] The building burned in 1965.[18, 19]

Concluding Notes

Although I have only used water-powered mills as examples, the Industrial and Manufacturing Schedules cover many other operations, such as tanneries, forging and smelting, and boot and shoe manufacture. There is also a set of Agricultural Schedules for the larger farms and dairies. In all of those schedules, businesses are listed only if their products had a net value of at least $500 in the preceding year, but if your ancestors were successful in their businesses, those schedules may add arrows to your genealogical quiver. Although they cannot provide a complete view of a business (just as the population schedules cannot provide a complete view of a family), those schedules may provide some interesting and informative information about your ancestors.

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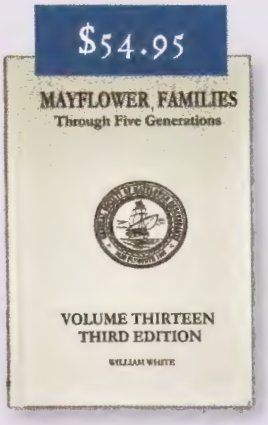

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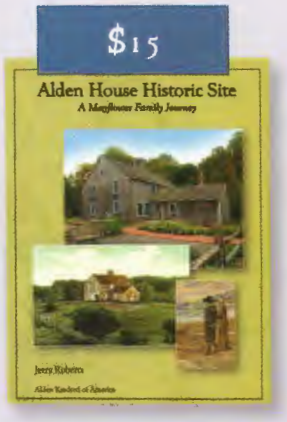

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by Jerry Roberts

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